

# WINTER CRAWLSPACE MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

PROTECT YOUR HOME BEFORE WINTER DAMAGE SETS IN  
WINTER MOISTURE, COLD AIR, AND TEMPERATURE SWINGS PUT SERIOUS STRESS ON YOUR CRAWLSPACE.  
THIS CHECKLIST HELPS YOU SPOT EARLY WARNING SIGNS BEFORE THEY TURN INTO COSTLY REPAIRS.  
USE THIS GUIDE DURING A QUICK VISUAL INSPECTION—OR ANYTIME YOUR HOME FEELS COLDER, DAMPER,  
OR MORE EXPENSIVE TO HEAT.

✓ Bring a flashlight ✓ Wear gloves and closed-toe shoes ✓ Look only—do not disturb insulation or wiring ✓ If something looks wrong, stop and call a professional

## 1. Cold Floors Above the Crawlspace

- ☐ Floors feel noticeably colder in winter
- ☐ Certain rooms are harder to keep warm
- ☐ Drafts near floor vents or baseboards

Why it matters: Cold air and missing insulation allow heat to escape, driving up energy bills and reducing comfort.

## 2. Musty or Damp Odors Inside the Home

- ☐ Persistent musty smell
- ☐ Odor strongest in winter or rainy weather
- ☐ Smell worsens near floors or vents

Why it matters: Odors often indicate trapped moisture, mold, or poor air circulation in the crawlspace.

## 3. Damp, Sagging, or Fallen Insulation

- ☐ Insulation hanging down
- ☐ Dark spots or staining
- ☐ Insulation feels heavy or compressed

Why it matters: Wet insulation no longer insulates and can trap moisture against wood framing.

## 4. Condensation or Moisture on Surfaces

- ☐ Water droplets on pipes or foundation walls
- ☐ Frost buildup in cold weather
- ☐ Wood framing looks damp or darkened

Why it matters: Condensation leads to wood rot, corrosion, and long-term structural damage.

## 5. Higher Heating Bills Than Normal

- ☐ Heating costs spike every winter
- ☐ HVAC system runs constantly
- ☐ No clear explanation for energy increase

Why it matters: An unsealed or poorly insulated crawlspace forces your heating system to work harder.

## Peace of Mind Starts Below Your Home

A dry, sealed, and insulated crawlspace protects everything above it.

Winter is the best time to catch problems early.

Schedule a crawlspace inspection to stay ahead of winter damage.

### When to Call a Professional

Contact a crawlspace specialist if you check any of the boxes above. Winter maintenance can help:

- Prevent mold and wood rot
- Improve indoor air quality
- Reduce energy costs
- Extend the life of your home's structure



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