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Homeowners Maintenance Newsletter

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A Holiday Message

We would like to thank our customers for their continued commitment to maintain their homes and for supporting Home Maintenance Concepts. This year we look forward to servicing your needs once again. On behalf of Clark, Ricardo and Joe, along with our support team, we wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Home Maintenance Reminder

Maintaining your home is the key to maximizing its future value. With regular maintenance, problems can be solved when the solutions are inexpensive. This home maintenance newsletter will help you to prioritize your "Honey-Do-List" around your home.

Community Partners

"Our Just Makes Cents Program"

Did you know that HMC has been working with Habitat for Humanity since our humble beginnings? It is our practice to try to recycle useable products. While we are working on your repair project we will save any useable item on your behalf. We will gladly transport on your behalf any lightly used materials that can provide service in another home. By donating these products we will prevent waste, save landfill space and provide someone the opportunity to continue to use that product in his/her home, basement, garage or shop. Ask any one of our Service Technicians and he will gladly help. We will even send you the tax deductible donation form that Habitat provides in return for your donation.

Ice Melting Products

Take care in purchasing and using ice/snow melting products. Calcium chloride lowers the freezing point of the melting snow and ice that it comes in contact with. Calcium chloride tends to be more environmentally friendly than sodium chloride, otherwise known as road salt. While managing larger properties throughout my career, my experiences and observations I have found sodium chloride (road salt) damaging to concrete sidewalks. Calcium chloride needs to be stored in a closed container so that moisture is not absorbed by the product. This will lead to clumping of the product and limit the ability of the product to be spread evenly.

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Notes from Our Satisfied Homeowners!

“Home Maintenance Concepts did an excellent job replacing the exterior doors on my home. They all work smoothly and make a tight seal when closed. I should see some great savings on my heating bill this year. Thanks for keeping the work area clean during construction. It's nice to have someone who can be trusted without constant supervision.”

-R Bird, Bradford Hills

Outdoor Faucets



Exterior faucets are often neglected and once you find out there is a problem the potential for water damage in your home is quickly realized. A simple cost effective solution is to disconnect your garden hose and store it for the winter. If you have an interior shut off valve to isolate your faucet turn it off. Once the water is turned off open your exterior faucet so any excess pressure and water is released. Install an exterior faucet cover, available at your home improvement store. This will help keep the cold air from infiltrating your home and lessen the chance that your faucet will freeze.

Ice Dams & Ventilation Problems



Ice dams occur when melting snow refreezes near the eaves, causing ice to back up under the shingles, where it melts onto the sheathing and seeps into the house.

To reduce the damage and prevent further ice backup:

- melt a channel through the ice with hot water to allow water to flow off the roof before it freezes;
- you can also install an electric roof cable to melt the ice;
- lay the cable in the gutters and run it up or down each downspout;
- or call a professional who uses steam equipment; or
- this equipment is available at your local building supply company or hardware center.

Or to permanently solve the problem, improve roof ventilation to stabilize the attic temperatures.

Electrical Outlet Drafts

Do you have drafts of cold air around your electrical outlets and switches? This would be especially noticeable on any walls that face the outdoors. An easy inexpensive solution is to install outlet/switch insulator covers underneath your outlet/switch covers. They are very easy to install and are very inexpensive.