

# HOMEOWNER'S GAS FIREPLACE WINTER CHECKLIST



## 1. Basic Maintenance

**Clean the glass.** Wipe the glass with a special cleaner made for fireplaces. This keeps the view clear.

**Check the burner.** Look for any dust or blockages. Clean it out to make sure your fireplace runs smoothly.

**Test the ignition.** Ensure the pilot light and ignition work properly. If the pilot light is flickering, contact your local dealer.

**Replace the batteries.** Change the batteries in your remote controls and thermostats. This prevents problems when you need heat.

## 2. Safety First

**Check for gas leaks.** Use a gas leak detector or soapy water to check for leaks. If you find any, turn off the gas and call a professional.

**Test Carbon Monoxide detectors.** Make sure they are working. Change batteries if needed. This keeps your home safe from carbon monoxide.

**Clear the vents.** Check that the vents are not blocked by leaves or debris. Good ventilation is critical to safety.

## 3. Keep the Area Safe

**Clear the space around the fireplace.** Remove anything flammable, like curtains or decorations near the fireplace. This helps prevent accidents.

**Inspect the logs.** Make sure the logs are in good shape and properly placed. This helps the fireplace work correctly.

## 4. Be Ready for Emergencies

**Back up power.** If your fireplace requires electricity to run, have a backup like a generator.

**Plan for outages.** Know what to do if the power goes out, so you can stay warm.

**Review safety rules with family.** Ensure everyone knows how to stay safe around the fireplace. Don't leave it unattended, especially with kids or pets nearby.

**Install a safety screen.** Use a screen and keep kids and pets safe.

## 5. Get a Professional to Inspect

**Schedule annual check-up.** Have a technician inspect and clean your fireplace once a year. This helps avoid any surprises during winter.

**Check gas pressure.** Ask the technician to check the gas pressure. This ensures your fireplace heats appropriately

**Check the chimney cap and damper.** A technician will ensure the cap is secure and the damper opens and closes quickly. This helps with airflow and keeps out pests.