Closing Your Cottage for Winter?



A simple checklist to help protect your water system, electrical items and property over the winter months.

Water Checklist

- [ ] **Shut off the main water supply.**
- [ ] **Drain water from pipes, toliets, taps and outdoor faucets.**
- [ ] **Disconnect and drain garden hoses.**
- [ ] **Turn off and drain the water heater** (follow manufacturer instructions).
- [ ] **Drain pumps and pressure tanks** (if applicable).
- [ ] **Winterize toilets, sinks, drains and appliances with plumbing-safe antifreeze** (as recommended).

Power Checklist

- [ ] **Unplug and store non-essential electronics and small appliances.**
- [ ] **Turn off/Unplug and empty refrigerators and freezers** (to prevent odours and mould).
- [ ] **Set the thermostat to a low, fixed temperature if heat is needed** (e.g., 10°C).
- [ ] **Remove batteries from smoke and carbon monoxide alarms** (if the cottage will be unoccupied for an extended period).

Tip: If you're unsure about any of these steps or have a complex system, consider having a professional winterize your cottage.