

CLOSING DOWN YOUR SEASONAL HOME

FROM EXPERIENCED SEASON HOMEOWNERS TO FIRST-TIMERS, HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT TIPS TO PREPARE YOUR SEASON HOME UNTIL NEXT SUMMER.

- ✓ Inspect your roof. Make sure that there has been no damage from summer wind/hail storms. If there is, make sure you get it repaired before you close the property.
- ✓ Close any chimney flues so that birds/wildlife cannot enter when they are looking for a warm spot to spend the winter.
- ✓ Follow manufacturer recommendations for closing off and emptying water supply lines and plumbing systems.
 - If you have water being drawn from a lake or river be sure to take necessary precautions to protect your line from freezing.
- ✓ Ensure water from plumbing systems is properly drained/emptied.
 - If your water lines and pipes are not heated pour an environmentally friendly anti-freeze down the lines. Be sure to check with your local municipality to ensure which brands are allowed.
- ✓ Have a professional septic plumber or service facilitate the shut-down of any septic systems on your property.
- ✓ If you can, remove your dock from the water and store it securely and safely on land so it is not a hazard for snowmobilers and skiers when covered with snow.
- ✓ Lock up all outside items in a secure spot.
- ✓ Secure all doors, windows, shutters etc. with locks to help deter thieves.
 - For cottages or camps in remote locations, cover windows with boards properly fitted and secured to prevent damage from driving rain, wind or snow.
- ✓ Before you leave for the fall/winter, make sure you check every point of entry to your dwelling and out-buildings to make sure all windows/doors are secure and locked.