

January Home Repairs

- * Check all walkways, steps and ramps. Repair any cracks or loose boards to prevent trips and falls.
- * Keep a supply of salt or deicer for steps, ramps and decks.
- * Locate the windshield ice scraper and snow-removal tools.
- * Place a walkout mat or rug at entries and boot trays for wet, soiled boots and shoes.
- * Replace furnace filters each month during the winter.
- * Inspect the wood stove. Have it cleaned if necessary.
- * Stock up on wood or oil if either is your heat source.
- * Replace smoke-alarm batteries and make sure the carbon monoxide alarm is in working condition.
- * Keep a flashlight on hand. It is a good idea to keep one in each bedroom in case there is a power outage.
- * Put summer clothing away, wash winter coats, hats, scarves, etc...ready to use.
- * Stock up on bottled water, canned goods, batteries and first aid kit in case of emergency.
- * Update emergency contacts phone numbers.