

## Preparing your trees for winter?

Before pruning trees this fall, double check with your local nursery to see which types of trees should be pruned this time of year and always follow these safety tips:

- Wear safety equipment and only use tools that are designed for pruning.
- Never climb a tree to prune limbs or attempt to prune limbs near overhead power lines.
- Keep all ladders, extension tools, and branches from coming into contact with overhead power lines.

If your tree has limbs that are too close or interfere with overhead power lines, please call the City of Fountain Electric Department at 322-2092 for assistance.



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## Conservation Tips for Fall and Winter Seasons!

**Don't let the heat escape  
with your money this year!**



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# DON'T LET OLD MAN WINTER INTO YOUR HOME!

September marks the beginning of the fall season for Fountain.



Now is the time to take all necessary precautions to keep old man winter out of your home! The City of Fountain Utility Department offers the following tips to keep you warm throughout the upcoming winter season and keep utility costs low:

- **Inspect your heating system.** This should include lubrication and cleaning, replacing filters, checking the belts and thermostats, and having vents cleared of any obstructions. It is best to have this task preformed by a professional who can also test for carbon monoxide leaks.



- **Caulk and install weather stripping around windows and doors.** This is an easy and inexpensive way to keep the cold air outside instead of leaking into the house.
- **Unhook garden hoses and cover outside faucets.** This will prevent your pipes from freezing.
- **Keep your thermostat set at a conservative level.** Setting your thermostat between 65 and 70 degrees in the winter will reduce the load on your heating system, which can also save you money.
- **Use your ceiling fan.** Set your ceiling fan to operate in a clockwise motion. This will circulate the warm air down from the ceiling and keep the heat where it should be.
- **Insulate your hot water heater.** This can save as much as 10 percent of your water-heating energy. Water



heater insulation kits are available in all sizes and are easy to install.

- **Open draperies during the day.** This will allow the sun's heat to help warm your home. Closing them at night will help to retain heat.



- **Use Safety Plugs for Outlets.** This will prevent drafts from coming through the electric outlets if they are not properly insulated.

Following these helpful tips can help keep you cozy and leave money in your pockets all winter long!



For more tips go to the U.S. Department of Energy at: [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)

