

WINTER PREPARATIONS FOR LETTING AGENTS: ESSENTIAL TIPS FOR KEEPING PROPERTIES IN TOP SHAPE

Conduct Full Heating System Checks

In addition to the boiler, the entire heating system needs a thorough inspection. Ensure radiators are working properly, and check for leaks or trapped air that could reduce heating efficiency. Simple actions like bleeding radiators and testing thermostats can help prevent tenants from being left in the cold.

Protect Pipes from Freezing

Frozen pipes can cause extensive damage, leading to water leaks and costly repairs. To prevent this, check that exposed pipes are insulated, especially in lofts, basements, and exterior walls. It's also a good idea to advise tenants to keep the heating on low during freezing conditions to prevent pipes from freezing.

Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

With an increased reliance on heating systems in winter, there's also a higher risk of carbon monoxide leaks. As a letting agent, it's vital to ensure that smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are in good working condition. Test alarms regularly, replace batteries when needed, and ensure that they are installed according to legal guidelines.

Schedule Boiler Servicing Early

As winter draws near, it's crucial for letting agents to ensure the properties under their management are ready to face the challenges of colder weather. Tenants expect their homes to remain warm and comfortable, while landlords rely on agents to prevent costly repairs. Preparing for winter involves a series of essential maintenance tasks that help avoid common issues and ensure properties are in top shape. Below are the key steps letting agents should take to safeguard their properties this winter season.

Be Prepared for Emergencies

Even with the best preparations, emergencies can still happen. Letting agents should have an emergency response plan in place, complete with contact information for reliable tradespeople who can handle heating, plumbing, and electrical issues. Make sure tenants know who to contact in case of an emergency, which can help reduce damage and resolve issues quickly.

'If you have your heating on so does your tenant..'

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inter preparation is crucial for ensuring the safety, comfort, and well-being of tenants, as well as for protecting the property from costly damage. By prioritising key tasks like boiler servicing, heating system checks, and general property maintenance, letting agents can reduce the likelihood of unexpected problems and ensure smooth operations throughout the colder months. Taking these proactive steps will keep tenants happy, lower repair costs, and help properties weather the winter season without a hitch. Keeping your clients happy!

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