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### **Checklist for your HOME Basement and Attic Maintenance**

- If your home has a sump pump, check that it operates properly, and that the water discharges at least 5 feet away from the home and down hill.
- Survey the basement and/or crawl space walls for evidence of moisture seepage.
- Clean out basement window wells and check for leaks (inside and outside job).
- Inspect foundation, basement, or crawl space for cracks and note their direction. Look for evidence of damage, cracking or movement. Watch for bird nests or other vermin or insect activity.
- Have the heating systems cleaned and serviced every few years, as well as changing the filter on the humidifier (if your home has one built in).
- Examine the electrical panels from the outside of the panel, wiring and electrical components for evidence of overheating. Ensure that all components are secure. Hanging wires in basement should be secured.
- Turn on isolating valves for exterior hose bibs (if you turned them off before winter) - usually located in the basement.
- Look in the attic (if accessible) to ensure that roof vents are not obstructed. Check for evidence of leakage, condensation or vermin activity. Level out insulation if needed.
- Consider some do-it-yourself weatherization projects. In the attic, insulating the attic door, or in the basement, sealing box sills or around wires or pipes.