



B&Q EXPERT REVEALS ESSENTIAL TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME AND GARDEN AS FROSTY WEATHER SET TO HIT

- As frosty weather conditions are set to hit areas of the UK in the coming days, B&Q is on hand to ensure consumers are fully prepared
- B&Q' has shared his top tips on how to protect both homes and gardens as the cold snap nears
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18TH NOVEMBER 2025: With the UK bracing for a significant cold snap and potential snowfall, B&Q is helping homeowners prepare for the challenges of winter and protect their homes and gardens from the elements.

Stephanie Chambers, Head of Buying – Outdoors at B&Q, says: *“As temperatures drop and winter weather truly sets in, preparing your home and garden is essential to prevent damage, maintain warmth, and ensure a comfortable, safe environment throughout the colder months. Simple preventative measures now, can save a lot of hassle and expense later. Our tips cover everything from insulating pipes, protecting your garden plants, to ensuring your property is resilient, keeping you cosy all season long”.*

STEPHANIE CHAMBER'S ESSENTIAL WINTER WEATHER PREPARATION CHECKLIST:

Protecting your home:

- **Prevent burst pipes:** Insulate exposed pipes, especially in unheated areas like attics and garages, using [foam pipe lagging](#). Know where your stopcock is and how to turn off your water supply in an emergency.
- **Bleed radiators:** Ensure your central heating system is running efficiently by bleeding radiators to release trapped air, maximising warmth throughout your home.
- **Seal drafts:** Use [draught excluders](#) for doors and windows and check for gaps in skirting boards or around pipes to keep warm air in and cold air out, improving energy efficiency. Also use flexible fillers or expanding foam fillers to fill gaps to prevent draughts.
- **Clear gutters:** Remove leaves and debris from gutters and downpipes to prevent blockages that can lead to overflowing water and potential damp or damage to your home's exterior.

Safeguarding your garden:



- **Protect outdoor taps:** Disconnect garden hoses and turn off outdoor taps at the stopcock if possible. Consider insulating outdoor taps with specific [covers](#) to prevent freezing.
- **Protect delicate plants:** Move potted plants indoors or into a sheltered spot. Cover tender plants in beds with [fleece](#) or cloches to shield them from frost. Hardy plants will also be thankful for extra mulch through the winter, as it will help to insulate the plants and prevent soil from drying out. Also, it is best to avoid mowing grass in soggy or frosty conditions.
- **Look after your plant pots:** Consider moving them to a sheltered area such as a greenhouse or against a wall where they are less exposed to icy winds. If you don't have a greenhouse, try insulating them in fleece or bubble wrap and grouping them together to reduce wind exposure. Make sure that plant pots have drainage holes so they don't get water-logged.
- **Lay down grit/salt:** Keep paths and driveways clear of ice and snow by laying down [rock salt](#) or rock salt to prevent slips and falls. Regularly [shovel](#) driveways and paths to prevent ice buildup and reduce the risk of any mishaps.
- **Clean and repair sheds/greenhouses:** Check for any damaged panes, loose fixings, or gaps in your sheds and greenhouses to ensure they can withstand winter storms and protect their contents.
- **Secure outdoor furniture:** Store garden furniture indoors or use a [good quality cover](#) to protect it from harsh weather and prolong its life.

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