

We've got winter wrapped up!

Dear Hutter

With winter just around the corner, you might be thinking about closing up your hut until next spring.

Beach huts are particularly vulnerable during the winter months, not only to storms but to fire and vandalism too.

Your hut is important to you, that's why it's important to us, so we've put together some useful tips to help wrap up your hut and protect it during the winter.

It's not just about insurance and reducing the risk of a claim – we've also included some practical advice on maintenance for your hut and its contents.

-  Check that roof coverings are fixed down with galvanised pins and roof battens
-  Remove debris such as wood and paper from underneath and around your hut
-  Make sure the gas is turned off and open taps on cookers, hobs and barbecues to draw through any excess gas
-  Secure your hut with heavy duty padlocks and bolts
-  Preserve your padlocks and protect from rusting by spraying them with a lubricant. Wipe with petroleum jelly, wrap with cling film and then tie a plastic bag tight around the padlock

 Prevent damp and mildew by removing fabric items from your hut. A desiccant water trap; placed in the middle of your hut; will catch any moisture

 Make sure doors are shut properly to prevent warping

 Try to leave some ventilation whilst maintaining the security of your hut

 Empty any bins, remove all perishable food and put a plug in the sink to deter those rodents

Finally, check your hut as often as possible or ask someone to keep an eye on it for you.

Better still

At Love Your Hut, we continue to work closely with Beach Hut Owners' Associations all across the UK, to ensure that your beach hut is looked after and kept in good shape all year round.

For more information on the benefits of Beach Hut Owners' Associations, contact your local Secretary or contact us:-

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