

Change to Winterization Fee Policy

1. Purpose. This Circular provides updated guidance on winterization fees for preservation of properties securing VA-guaranteed loans.
2. Background. Property preservation requirements, including those for winterization, are outlined in Appendix H of VA Manual 26-4, VA Servicer Guide, and on the VALERI website at https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/servicers_valeri.asp.
3. Action. Effective Friday, June 1, 2018, winterization fees (where payable) will be allowed all year around. The current restriction for winterization activities in certain states to occur between October 1 and March 31 will be lifted.
4. Questions. Inquiries may be directed to valerihelpdesk.vbaco@va.gov.
5. Rescission. This Circular is rescinded April 1, 2020.

By Direction of the Under Secretary for Benefits

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