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## Autumn Has Arrived

Dear Hutter

Here at **love your hut**, we have had a wonderful year meeting new & old Hutterers, attending Beach Hut Association Meetings all over the country but autumn has now arrived.

For many this means the end of the traditional hut season. We know that you take care of your hut and many of you will spend autumn getting ready for the great British winter weather.

**Your hut is important to you, that's why it's important to us**, so we have put together a useful checklist to reduce the risks of harm over the winter months and to help you protect your hut.

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

-  **Be prepared for rain and wind** – make sure roof coverings are fixed down, secure and complete.
-  **Secure your hut** – make sure all windows and doors are locked. Make sure locks are fit for purpose and of good quality.
-  **Preserve your padlocks** – protect them from rusting by spraying them with a lubricant. Wipe with petroleum jelly, wrap with cling film and then tie a plastic bag tight round the padlock.

 **Avoid fire risk** – remove debris such as driftwood or paper from under the hut. Make sure the gas is turned off.

 **Prevent damp and mildew** – remove fabric items from your hut. A desiccant water trap placed in the middle of your hut will catch any moisture. Try to ventilate your hut without compromising its security.

 **Prevent rodents** – empty your bins and remove all perishable food and put a plug in your sink.

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

**Remember**, at Love Your Hut, we continue to work closely with beach hut owners and Owners' Associations all across the UK, making sure your beach hut is looked after and kept in good shape, all year round.

If you would like any more information on the benefits of Beach Hut Owners' Associations, practical advice on looking after your hut or your insurance arrangements, contact your local association secretary or contact us:-

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