

WATER DEPARTMENT

NEWS AND UPDATES

WINTERIZE YOUR PLUMBING



If your home or property will be vacant during winter months, please shut off water at the street. Expensive repairs can be avoided with this simple measure.

Know where your main water shut-off is before a problem arises.

A bathroom or laundry room located above or next to a garage can be particularly vulnerable, keep the garage door closed to maintain maximum heat.

Disconnect garden hoses from exterior faucets to prevent water from freezing in the hose and rupturing the faucet.

If your home has a separate shut-off for external faucets, turn it off and drain the water from the faucets. If they don't, insulate them with foam faucet covers.

Turn off and drain sprinkler systems.

Insulate unprotected pipes and don't leave any gaps in the insulation. Pipe sleeves simplify the process. Keep the pieces tight against each other and seal the slits and joints with duct tape. Insulating hot water lines will also save in heating costs.

Open cabinet doors under sinks to let warm air flow around the supply lines.

Close foundation vents. Locate and seal cracks and openings in the walls, attic, basement or crawlspace.

Make sure your home is properly insulated. Pay attention to areas where pipes are located.

Keep your thermostat at the daytime setting during the night. If you'll be away for several days during subfreezing weather, keep it set above 55° F.