

❄️ IT'S COLD OUTSIDE - TIME TO WINTERIZE ❄️



Now is the time to protect your pipes from freezing. Winterizing your home will help to minimize the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes. Water expands as it freezes which puts tremendous pressure on plastic and/or metal pipes. Pipes that freeze most frequently are those exposed to severe cold, like outside hose bibs, water sprinkler lines and water supply lines in an unheated interior area such as crawl spaces or kitchen cabinets. Also, pipes that run against exterior walls that have little or no insulation may freeze. Be prepared BEFORE the cold weather sets in.

OUTSIDE YOUR HOME:

- ❄️ Shut off and drain your irrigation system.
- ❄️ Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses. A hard overnight freeze can burst either the pipe or the faucet.
- ❄️ Closing the foundation or exterior vents around the house during the cold months will help keep cold air out of crawl spaces.

INSIDE YOUR HOME:

- ❄️ Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas such as crawl spaces under the house. Wrap them with appropriate pipe wrapping materials before temperatures dip.
- ❄️ Open kitchen and bathroom cabinets to allow circulation of warmer air around the plumbing.
- ❄️ Leave a trickle of warm water running from a faucet on nights when the temperature drops. The slow flow of water prevents ice from blocking pipes and also prevents freezing damage.
- ❄️ Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature lower than 55°F.