

## KEEP YOUR WATER FLOWING DON'T LET IT FREEZE



### PREVENT FROZEN/BROKEN PIPES

You can save yourself the hassle and cost of emergency repairs by taking a few simple steps to reduce the risk of burst pipes before freezing weather sets in:

-  Drain or blow out all irrigation systems.
-  Remove hoses from outside faucets and install an insulated cover on faucets.
-  Insulate or install heat tape on water pipes exposed to the cold.
-  If you have installed heat tapes, check to be sure they are working.
-  Make sure all foundation vents are closed or plugged. Secure basements against the cold. Fill drafty cracks and repair broken windows.

### DURING VERY COLD WEATHER

We suggest that you take a few extra steps when winter temperatures drop below 20-degrees:

-  Open cabinet doors below sinks located against outside walls. Insulation in the walls may not be thick enough to keep pipes from freezing.
-  Turn on a small but steady stream of water at the inside faucet farthest away from where your water supply enters your home. Flowing water does not freeze as quickly as still water.

***Avoid costly repairs and property damage.***

***Winterize your water pipes to keep water flowing, not frozen.***

### If You Have a Frozen Pipe

You might suspect that you have a frozen pipe if you turn on the tap and no water flows.

If you need your water to be turned off to make a repair, please call Public Works and we will come shut it off.

**During business hours Monday – Friday 8-5pm  
541-387-5216 after hours 541-806-2555.**

You can thaw pipes by warming towels or blankets in the clothes dryer and then wrapping them around the frozen pipe. Repeat this process until water flows.

If you don't have a clothes dryer in the home, the safest and cheapest thing to do is to wait for the weather to warm and for the frozen pipe to thaw.

**Never use a flame or an electric appliance to thaw a frozen pipe.**



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