

PREPARE FOR COLD WEATHER

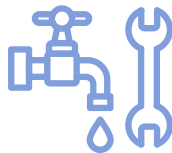
Don't be caught unaware - be prepared for winter weather before it arrives!



Winterizing Your Property

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Protecting Your Pipes



The best way to begin winterizing your pipes is to insulate them. In newer homes, builders typically incorporate insulation for protection from extreme temperatures. If you have an older home, your pipes may need insulation installed or replaced.



If it's going to be below freezing, opening cabinet doors under sinks to let in the heated air and letting your faucet drip slowly helps prevent frozen pipes.

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Make sure that before chilly weather commences, you know where your shut-off valves are in case of emergency.

Extended Travel

Planning on traveling this winter? Whether you're a snowbird or just taking some time off, it's a good idea to put your house in cold-weather mode before you go.

Unhook any exterior hoses and cover hose bibs and faucets to protect them from freezing temperatures.

Consider shutting your water off at the main valve. Keep in mind that shutting off the water at the house shutoff may leave water in the pipes between the meter and the house. If you'll be gone for an extended period, consider hiring a professional to help winterize your home.

De-icing Your Property

If you plan to de-ice your driveway and walkways, look for products labeled as watershed compatible, environmentally friendly and pet-safe. If in doubt, ask an employee!

