

# PROTECT YOUR HOME. PROTECT YOUR PIPES.



## BEFORE THE COLD WEATHER SETS IN

- Protect your pipes. Wrap backflow preventors and outdoor faucets with insulation.
- Check sprinkler or irrigation systems. Make sure the system is turned off and drained.
- Unhook and drain water hoses. Water can be hiding in the connections and freeze.
- Know how to shut off your water. Locate your water meter if you were to have a pipe break.

## WHEN TEMPERATURES STAY BELOW FREEZING

- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- Drip cold water from outdoor faucets. Even a trickle helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- If you plan to be away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to temperature no lower than 55°F.



## IF YOUR PIPES FREEZE

- Shut off the water immediately. Don't attempt to thaw pipes without turning off the valve at the water meter.
- Thaw frozen pipes by warming the air around them with a hair dryer or space heater. Please use caution.
- Once thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check pipes for cracks and leaks.