

Freezing Temps & Water Pipes

With freezing temperatures predicted in the coming days, it's time once again to check those pipes. Don't be caught having to deal with ruptured or frozen water pipes. Some of our condos have water heaters in the attic area and in our outside storage rooms. Check the plumbing. If you see any exposed piping, you should insulate those exposed areas by using pipe sleeves, or some other insulating product/device. Consider covering your water heater with a blanket designed for that purpose. Even for water heaters in heated areas, it's a good idea to check for water leaks. **AVOID potential disasters.**

For plumbing on the interior of outside walls, open the cabinet doors to allow heat from your furnace to help prevent freezing. During extreme frigid temperatures, let the water trickle a steady stream from both hot and cold faucets through the overnight hours or until temperatures rise during the day. Water is much less expensive than the cost of repairs to plumbing if a pipe bursts.

For other helpful information, click on the link below to the Red Cross website.

<http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm/frozen-pipes>

Or: www.redcross.org >> get help >> Types of Emergencies >> Winter Storm >> Protecting your Home >> Learn how to protect your pipes from freezing.

Additional tips:

To avoid another potential disaster, consider replacing the rubber hoses on your washing machine and replace them with braided, stainless steel washer hoses.

If you plan to leave your home for an extended period, consider turning the main water supply off to your home at the outdoor meter base. Harpeth Valley Utility will provide this service for free. Call 615-352-7076

To avoid additional disasters, have your water pressure checked.

Invest in a water key to be able to cut the main water valve off in an emergency.

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