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From the Desk of the Public Works Supervisor

Plumbing Winterization Tips and Tricks

Don't let frozen water pipes leave you out in the cold this winter. Cold weather means frozen water and that could mean busted pipes and other major plumbing headaches and expenses. If a pipe bursts in your home, it could spill several hundred gallons of water per hour. The damage could also be costly. Here are a few tips to keep your home ready for the winter season:

Inside Your Home

- Keep the garage door closed if a bathroom or laundry room is located above or nearby to maintain maximum heat.
- If some pipes are located in an unheated garage try wrapping them. Local hardware or building supply stores offer appropriate pipe wrapping materials.
- When bathroom and kitchen pipes run along an exterior wall, try allowing additional heat to circulate near the pipes. This means keeping vanity and cabinet doors open and possibly purchasing a small space heater.
- On nights when the temperature are expected to drop below freezing, turn on the faucets along the exterior wall to create a **small**, steady drip. This eliminates the pressure that can build between the faucet and ice blockage, so if they freeze, they may not burst.
- **Important!** Know the location of your shutoff valve inside your home and also call Town Hall at the first sight of a water leak. The Public Works Department will turn the main water supply off at the curb or shutoff valve.

Outside Your Home

- Take a few minutes to shut off and drain your irrigation system.
- Disconnect and drain outside hoses and faucets. An overnight freeze can burst the pipe or faucet.
- Seal and close crawl space vents. Also note any cracks or holes along the outside walls and foundation of your home. Filing holes and cracks can help stop the cold air from coming into contact with your water pipes.

SANDBAGS NEEDED???

Any town resident and/or commercial property owner that is in need of sandbags as a result of flooding, may contact Town Hall at 302-684-4110. Our Public Works Department will schedule to deliver and pick up sandbags at your request.



From the Desk of the Public Works Supervisor Cont'd...

SNOW REMOVAL...It's that time of year again!!

Many residents ask why do the snowplows always block my driveway in after I have already shoveled??...

The answer is it is not done intentionally. The goal of snow plowing is to remove snow from the streets for vehicular traffic, including emergency vehicles. Snow plowing pushes the snow off to the right side of the plow which creates snow piling up in front of driveways. Snow plow operators are unable to stop or raise the plow at every driveway because it creates another pile of snow in the roadway. Sometimes snow plowing may need to be completed more than once during a snowfall because of drifting or accumulating snow. Residents are advised to wait to shovel snow until after plowing has been done.



SNOW REMINDERS...

- Snowfall exceeding 2 inches must be removed from the sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow ceases to fall. (Chapter 183-54 of the Town Code)
- Do not shovel snow from the sidewalks into the street. (Chapter 183-55 of the Town Code)
- If possible, do not park on the street during snowfall so that snowplows can more easily clear the streets.

Your cooperation is appreciated during the winter months.

Please take note....

Our Public Works Department conducts routine maintenance on water meters throughout the town. If you happen to see a town vehicle and/or staff, they are there conducting water checks. Some water meters are located in the crawlspace of homes or in the basement of others, we ask that you comply with our Public Works Employees.

Thank you for your understanding while staff is only completing their job duties.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Greg Wingo, at 302-684-4110.