

# WINTER TIPS FOR PIPES



*Pipes and Meters are located in vulnerable positions when it comes to freezing temperatures. Metal pipes contract as the water inside expands, this can lead to a pipe burst. Please read below for helpful tips to protect your home from costly repairs:*

- **Protect your meter.** Please make sure all outdoor meter lids are not broken or missing, let our office know if a replacement lid is needed.

- **Eliminate Drafts.** Aim to close off any crawlspace vents or doors, and to repair any broken or cracked basement windows.
- **Know the location of your property shut-off valve.** In the event your property experiences a water leak, knowing the location of your shut-off valve could save you money on water and damage repairs. The faster you can turn off the water, the less goes to waste.
- **Insulate water pipes in unheated areas.** When temperatures drop below 32 degrees, exposed water pipes can quickly become a property manager's worst nightmare. To reduce the likelihood of freezing, wrap water pipes in unheated areas with insulation tubes.
- **Call or email our office** Have any questions or concerns? Our Customer Service staff is ready to help or answer any questions you might have. *Some questions or concerns may need to be directed to a local plumber if concerning the home only.*

**Please remember to let pipes drip if a freeze is expected.**