

WATER-PIPE WINTER SAFETY INFORMATION

ALL OUTDOOR WATER FAUCETS SHOULD BE TURNED OFF AND PIPES DRAINED TO PREVENT PIPES FROM FREEZING:

1. If your home is empty, keep the inside temperature at 60 degrees.
2. Open kitchen and bathroom cupboard doors to expose pipes under sinks to allow for the warmer interior air to flow into these areas.
3. IF freezing is predicted for several days in a row, allow your inside faucets to drip with a mixture of hot and cold water, if possible.

IF YOUR PIPES DO FREEZE:

1. Call a licensed plumber.
2. Do not use a blow torch or any open flame device.

BE AWARE IF STREETS ARE FROZEN OR SNOW FILLED

Snow is such a rarity in the Portland Metro area that snow plows are NOT the norm. There is usually NO ONE AVAILABLE to spread sand or salt on sidewalks or roadways.

BE AWARE

CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS

1. Be sure you use a 10 year battery.
2. Fire extinguishers should also be checked.

HOME SAFETY EQUIPMENT TO KEEP ON HAND:

1. Flashlights--fresh batteries
2. Candles, candle holders and matches (keep in a dry container)
3. Battery powered radio WITH fresh batteries
4. Dry firewood for those who have wood burning fireplaces
5. Wind-up or battery operated clock with fresh batteries
6. Manual can opener and knife

7. Canned food or pre-packaged and pre-cooked food

8. Extra pet food for those with animals

9. Paper plates and utensils and water cups

10. Water supply

11. Blankets

12. Proper clothing

13. Snow shovel and related equipment

Observing the helpful hints with a good dose of common sense will greatly minimize the chance of experiencing unfortunate complications during the winter months.