

HOME WATER WINTERIZATION

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Stay safe this winter by properly winterizing your home's water and irrigation systems. Following these steps will help prevent frozen pipes and potential costly repairs.



CITY OF BEND

OUTDOORS

☐ **Locate the Water Meter Box**

Knowing the location of your home's water meter will allow quick access in an emergency. Keep it clear of snow and accessible throughout the year.

☐ **Know How to Shut Off the Water**

Practice shutting the water off to your home at least once per year. This will keep the shut off valve in working condition and ready to use in case of an emergency.

☐ **Winterize Irrigation System**

Hire a certified professional to winterize your irrigation system. The State of Oregon requires all businesses using compressed air to blow out irrigation systems to be certified with the Oregon Landscape Contractors Board.

☐ **Check Outdoor Faucets**

Make sure all outdoor water faucets or spigots are the frost-free type. If not, shut the water off to these and cover them with a foam insulation cover. Drain and store all garden hoses and attachments.

☐ **Cover Crawl Space Vents**

Minimizing cold air entry into the crawl space will help prevent pipes from getting cold. Most homes can utilize pre-made foam insulation blocks. Older homes may require a custom fitted piece of foam insulation.

INDOORS

☐ **Shut Off and Drain**

If you're leaving your home for an extended period of time it is OK to shut the water off. After doing so, turn on all faucets, sinks, tubs, showers, etc., and flush the toilets. Set your thermostat no lower than 55 degrees. Ask yourself what might happen if your source of heat goes off due to a storm when you're not home.

☐ **Open Cabinets**

Leaving kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors open can help prevent pipes from freezing. Do this in low heat areas or if you're leaving your home for an extended period of time.

☐ **Fire Sprinklers**

Some newer homes and many businesses have fire sprinkler systems. Call a licensed fire sprinkler system professional to determine if your system is protected from freezing.

Need additional information on how to protect yourself from freezing pipes? Call the City of Bend Utility Department at 541-317-3000, email us utilities@bendoregon.gov, or visit www.bendoregon.gov/utilities.



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