

Ever heard "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure"?

Per the terms of your written lease, it is the TENANT'S responsibility to weatherize hose connections and foundation vents for winter weather. If you leave a hose bib uncovered or leave a hose hooked up in freezing weather, pipes may freeze and you are financially responsible for repair to pipes and damage caused by leaking water in the walls or floors, VERY EXPENSIVE!!

From November 1st thru about April, until we all need to be sure to put on hose bib covers and the foam vent blocks. Some of those items might be in your home's garage already just waiting for you to put them on. It is the TENANT'S responsibility to make sure this is done.

It is our policy that unless you've done this winterization, TENANT is financially responsible for damages & repairs.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE IS YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO THIS!

It is also our practice on SINGLE FAMILY HOMES that if you do not have these products already, please go purchase the required items at Lowe's or Home Depot and if you bring us the dated receipt for faucet covers & vent plug covers, we will reimburse you for the expense out of our owner's account.

AGAIN, AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE
SO PLEASE BE SURE THIS IS TAKEN CARE OF!!

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## **WINTERIZE**

## **REMINDERS**

- Wrap all exposed pipes located outside or in un-heated areas of the home.
- Remove garden hoses from outside faucets.
- Cover vents around the foundation of your home.
- Know where your property owner's cut-off valve is located and how to use it. The valve is located adjacent to the water meter box under a 6" metal lid.
- Turn off irrigation systems during the winter months to protect pipes and conserve water.

## When the weather freezes:

- Open cabinet doors under sinks adjacent to outside walls.
- In unheated garages, shut off water to washing machines.
- If temperatures are expected to be 28 degrees or below for at least 4 hours, drip faucets 24 hours a day (5 drops per minute).
- Be sure to turn off the faucets after the threat of freezing weather.
- In sustained sub-freezing weather, let water drip slowly from all inside faucets.

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