

# **SUGGESTIONS FOR**

## **AVOIDING FROZEN PIPES**

### **THIS WINTER**



#### **BEFORE THE COLD WEATHER**

- Check sprinklers and irrigation systems. Double check that everything is drained and turned off.
- Remove sources of cold air near your water lines. Repair drafty windows and plug drafts around all doors. Identify the points at risk of freezing in your home.
- Know how to shut your water off.
- For protection, wrap your pipes with insulation

#### **WHEN TEMPERATURES STAY BELOW FREEZING**

- If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer air from other rooms flow in.
- Keep water flowing through pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run through pipes.

#### **IF YOUR PIPES FREEZE**

- Immediately shut off the water.
- Thaw pipes with warm air, such as a hair dryer or space heater. Do not leave space heaters unattended and do not use kerosene heaters or open flames as these can be a fire hazard.
- Use care when turning water back on. When pipes are thawed, turn the water back on slowly and check pipes for any cracks.

#### **PREVENTION IS KEY**

Frozen pipes can leave you without water in the worst weather conditions. And cost a lot to repair. But with a few simple steps, you can preserve your budget and your peace of mind.