

Tips for Winterizing your Pipes

Now that Winter is here it's the perfect time to winterize your home. Here are some useful tips on how to winterize your home prior to any winter weather arriving.

Disconnect water hoses, insulate exterior hose connections, and interior service lines. You can use pipe insulation or even old clothing, towels, blankets, etc. Wrap connections and secure with tape. Wrap or insulate any exposed water lines in attic or any water lines that have previously frozen.

Locate your house valve now. Make sure you and your family know how to shut off the water coming into your home. If a pipe bursts, stopping the flow of water quickly will minimize the damage to your home. Shutting off your house valve and draining your service lines could help prevent your water lines from freezing. About 90% of homes in Newport have a dedicated house valve. Common places your house valve could be located includes the garage, on the outside of the house near a water hose connection, or in a closet inside the house.

Winterizing your Irrigation System.

Turn the main shut off valve to "off" position. On your backflow preventer, open Test port 1. Let the Water drain out, then close port. Open Test port 2. Let the Water drain then close port. If you need further assistance, you may need to contact an irrigation installation company.

Let the hot and cold water flow at a small steady stream . Open faucets around your home and allow them to the water flow at a very slow rate in order to keep water moving through the pipes. Running both hot and cold water through the pipe at a slow trickle can help prevent pipes from freezing. If the power is out for an extended period, we recommend shutting off your house valve and draining your water lines.

What can you do if your pipes freeze?

Call a plumber for service line leaks and contact Newport MUD's operator Professional Utility Services for main line breaks, at (281) 324-9803, employees are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to assist you.



Examples of different types of House valves



Example of the House valves inside a closet



Example of the House valves in a garage