

WINTERIZE

Winterize your home.

Check shutters, siding, and other exterior materials to ensure they're secure. High winds, ice, and moisture from winter storms can easily strip off such outside elements if they're loose.



Winterize pipes.

Be sure your pipes, especially those exposed or in unheated areas like crawl spaces, are wrapped in insulation to prevent freezing and bursting. Also, learn where your water shut-off valves are so you can turn off the water supply in case of a leak. Six feet of insulation can cost anywhere from \$7-\$17; it's available at most home improvement stores.

PROTECT YOUR PIPES FROM FREEZING THIS WINTER!



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IT IS TIME TO WINTERIZE

Clear your gutters and walkways of debris and don't represent tripping hazards that can be exacerbated with snow or ice. Caulk drafty windows and apply weather stripping to doors—both inexpensive strategies that can keep heat in your home. Air sealing can help you save about \$350 in energy costs or one-third of your average annual heating and cooling costs. The average annual home energy bill is about \$2,200, according to Energy Star, of which about \$1,000 represents heating and cooling. An assortment of air sealing materials and tools, including silicone foam, caulk, aluminum flashing for flues, and additional insulation, will run roughly \$100-\$350. ** Professional home winterization companies will assist you with all your home service needs.

It is YOUR responsibility to make sure your pipes don't freeze.

The City will not give reimbursements for water costs accrued due to broken pipes! Be sure to keep your heat on, even set low, to aid in prevention of freezing pipes.