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News Release

Preventing Frozen Water Meters & Pipes

(December 9, 2013) Extremely cold temperatures over several weeks can cause multiple problems including frozen water meters and frozen pipes.

If you find you suddenly have no water, before you call a plumber, please call our 24 hour hotline at 468-5711.

Here are some tips to avoid frozen pipes and meters during these freezing temperatures:

- Allow a small trickle of water to run overnight in faucets farthest from the street or the water meter. This keeps water flowing in the pipes and prevents them from freezing. If no one is home during the day, you should continue to keep the water dripping.
- Open cabinet doors in the kitchen and bathrooms to help heat circulate around the water lines.
- Wrap pipes in unheated areas to prevent freezing. These could be located under the home, in the attic or garage. Use insulating tape and wrap it around exposed pipes. Make sure to cover all valves and fittings also.
- Check around the foundation for places cold air can blow into the basement or crawlspace. Seal them with insulation. Close all crawl space vents around your home. Seal cracks with caulk around door frames, windows and pipes where they enter your home.

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