



The Family Resort

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SEASIDE PARK RESIDENTS

As the cold weather approaches, the Borough recommends you take the necessary precautions to winterize your homes to prevent the possibility of frozen or broken pipes. Residents who have their homes winterized by a plumber should still call and schedule your meter to be turned off and drained at the curb. Year round residents and seasonal residents, who leave their water turned on during the winter, can use the following tips to reduce the risk of damage caused by unprotected water pipes in the winter season.

- 1. Winterize outside faucets and irrigation pipes.** Since they're exposed to the elements, this is an especially important task. Disconnect and drain water hoses, and shut off the water supply to the outside spigots if your home has a separate shutoff valve. The same should be done for any irrigation systems. If water left in the faucet freezes, it can cause a buildup of pressure that could make a pipe burst inside or underneath your home.
- 2. Insulate water pipes in unheated areas.** Water lines that run through the garage, crawl space or attic are prone to freezing when the temperature drops. Add a layer of insulation by wrapping them with heat tape, newspaper, or foam sleeves. For even more freeze protection, keep the garage door shut on very cold days to protect the pipes there.
- 3. Have your furnace checked.** If your furnace quits on you in the middle of winter, your home will be without heat until it's repaired, leaving your water pipes vulnerable to freezing temperatures. Make sure your heating system is in good working order before the cold weather hits.
- 4. Call a Plumber.** Professional plumbers can install heat tape to keep your water pipes warm, or even re-route freeze-prone pipes away from exterior walls.
- 5. Know where your main water shut-off is located.** Most homes have a main water shut-off valve. Knowing where this valve is located and exercising the valve to ensure proper operation, can minimize damage in the event of a pipe bursting.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a water turn off please contact Borough Hall at (732) 793-3700.