

Cold Weather Tips

Now is the time to Prepare!

Outside Faucets

Turn off outside faucets. Disconnect and drain all water hoses. Cover the faucets with Styrofoam insulators or other appropriate insulation. Turn off and drain automatic sprinkler systems.



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Exposed Pipes

Insulate exposed pipes in unheated and drafty areas such as under the house, in attics and garages. Use appropriate sized pipe insulation to help prevent freezing. Choose from foam pipe insulation or fiberglass pipe wrap insulation.



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We have a large variety of polyethylene pipe insulation, ranging in size from 1/2" to 3" pipe.



Vehicle

Keep your gas tank full in case of evacuation or electrical outages. A full tank will also keep your fuel line from freezing. Check your anti-freeze, and replace if necessary. Put lubricant on door and trunk locks to prevent them from freezing. Assemble a Winter Storm Kit to keep in your vehicle.



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Protect your recreational vehicles, lawn equipment, and tractor motors with appropriate de-ice and anti-gel treatments.

Drafts

Cover cracks around doors and windows with weather stripping. Use Spray foam where appropriate to reduce those pesky drafts. Harry's has a large selection of both to suit your needs!



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Well Houses and Exposed Water Pumps & Tanks

Thermostat control heaters can be used to protect an insulated well house. Heat tape or heat lamps can be used in more exposed areas to minimize the risk of freezing.



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Tarps

Pets and Livestock

Provide shelter from the elements, and make sure food and water are readily available for your animals. Red heat lamps and porcelain based brooders lamps can be used to help keep animals warm in their shelters. One should never use a white heat lamp for animals, as it will disrupt their ability to sleep.

Plants

Bring potted plants inside when possible (remember to check for spiders and other unwanted guests). Apply hay or mulch to insulate around outside plants, and cover with a blanket or tarp to protect from exposure to freezing temperatures.



Inside Pipes

Protect indoor faucets by leaving cabinets open so warm air can circulate around the pipes. Remove any toxic substances housed in the cabinets to protect children and pets. Drip cold water faucets slowly if you feel your pipes may still freeze. If possible, capture the water for future use.