

PREPARING YOUR WATER SYSTEM FOR WINTER

Freezing weather may bring discomforts, but one of them, frozen water pipes, can be avoided with a little planning and a few simple steps. When frigid arctic air hits, water freezes, and as it freezes it expands which can cause pipes to burst and possible flooding to occur.

Pipes that freeze most frequently are those that are exposed to severe cold, such as outdoor hose bibs, swimming pool supply lines, water sprinkler lines and water supply pipes in unheated interior areas such as basements and crawl spaces, attics, garages, or kitchen cabinets. Pipes that run

against exterior walls that have little or no insulation are also subject to freezing.

There are several things that you can do to prepare for freezing weather, and there is one important thing everyone needs to know: **WHERE THE WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE IS IN THE HOUSE AND HOW TO USE IT.**

Tips to Prevent Freezing of Water Supply Lines

1. Drain water from outdoor water lines including sprinkler supply lines.
2. Remove, drain, and carefully store hoses used outdoors

3. Purchase insulation covers and cover all outside faucets.
4. Check around the home for areas where water supply lines are located in unheated areas. Insulate at-risk pipes and under-insulated areas of the home.
5. Consider installing specific products made to insulate water pipes like a "pipe sleeve" or installing UL-listed "heat tape," "heat cable," or similar materials on exposed water pipes.
6. Consider a hot water recirculating pump.
7. Consider a freeze alarm

so you'll have time to take measures before pipes freeze.

During Cold Weather, Take Preventive Action

1. Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
2. Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
3. During extreme cold, leave the heat set to a temperature no lower than 55 degrees.
4. During extreme frigid situations, you may consider letting the cold water trickle from the faucet.

HAPPY
Holidays
& BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Our offices will be closed for the holidays
on Monday, Dec 25th & Jan 1st.



IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE GONE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME OVER THE WINTER, YOU MIGHT CONSIDER CALLING YOUR WATER DISTRICT AND REQUEST THAT YOUR WATER BE SHUT OFF AT THE METER TO HELP PREVENT A MAJOR LEAK (IN ADDITION TO SHUTTING OFF YOUR OWN MAIN WATER VALVE).



TECHNOLOGY, COMPUTERS, AND IPADS, OH MY!

Are you looking for some technology assistance or learning opportunities?

There are resources available to help with your technology questions.

- The Pend Oreille County Library District is offering “tech help” or “tech hours.” To find a class near you, check out their events calendar here: POCLD or give them a call at 800-366-3654 to learn more.
- The Create office at 900 W. 4th in Newport is offering some one-on-one basic help and guidance with devices, computers, and the internet. Simply call their office at 509-447-9277 to learn more or visit their website at createarts.org.

3RD ANNUAL PUD PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

The PUD held an in-house pumpkin carving contest last month for staff members and their families, and we thought it would be fun to share the winning entries. The winners were selected based on the number of votes received by PUD staff. Cambree Corkill, daughter of Brandon Corkill (PUD Power Lineman), won 1st place in the kid's category. She said that she decided on her design because she saw it and thought it was funny. She's sure got some great bragging rights in the Corkill household & was thrilled about her win. For the staff entries, Arletta Hogan, PUD Meter Reader, won 1st place with her Dracula carving. Great work everyone!



2024 Calendars Now Available!



The 2024 calendars are here! Pick up your copy of the PUD Calendar at the Newport Administration Building drive through window or lobby (Mon-Fri 8am-5pm) or stop by the Box Canyon Visitor's Center or Payment Kiosk (Mon-Fri 9am-4pm).

We hope you enjoy the 2024 calendar featuring so many wonderful photos taken by our customers throughout the county. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos – we received an abundance of great photos to choose from.