

## Frozen Pipe Prevention

Many homeowners and businesses are at risk for freezing during the winter months. With prolonged cold temperatures frost levels may be exceptionally deep causing water services to freeze.

Reduced water flow is one of the first signs of ice forming in pipes. As water flow slows to a trickle, or if you suspect your pipes may be frozen, here are a few things to try:

- \* Keep a consistent temperature during the day and night.
- \* Open vanity or cabinet doors so warm air can reach the pipes under sinks.
- \* If you have exposed pipes inside closets or pantries, leave doors open.
- \* Keep the garage door closed.
- \* If you have reduced water flow, heat the most vulnerable pipes (usually in basements and crawl spaces or near exterior walls) with a space heater.
- \* Leave the faucet on while you apply heat. As you melt ice, the flow will increase.