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WATER DISTRICT

Tips For Preparing Water Systems For Colder Months

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The Plainview Water District (PWD) would like to inform its customers of some simple tips to follow in an effort to better prepare water systems for the colder months. Water systems, when left exposed to the elements, can become very susceptible to breaks and leaks as temperatures begin to drop. PWD residents are encouraged to take advantage of these cold weather tips and help protect their homes from unwanted disruptions or damages caused by frozen pipes.

“Properly preparing your home’s water system for the winter months is extremely important and is simple to do,” stated PWD Chairman Marc Laykind. “We encourage every Plainview-Old Bethpage resident to follow a couple of routine steps that will help them save themselves from the headache, frustration and expense of dealing with repairs caused by frozen pipes.”

Outdoor Water Systems: Don’t forget to turn off those hose spigots from inside the house and leave the outside valves open to prevent freezing. This allows any trapped water to expand in freezing temperatures, preventing the pipe from bursting. Disconnect and drain all hoses and keep in a warm, dry place for reuse in the spring. Check your water meter pit covers and make sure they are bolted tightly in place and secured.

Sprinkler Systems: Sprinkler systems should be winterized to prevent possible leaks and damage to the system. Leaks in sprinkler systems caused by burst pipes can be hard to identify when the systems return back on line, leading to increased water usage and decreased functionality.

Indoor Maintenance: If a customer’s water service is in the boiler room or basement, check the area for broken windows or drafts. Brisk winds and freezing temperatures can cause pipes and water meters to

freeze or break. In preparation, locate the main water shutoff valve in your home in case of an emergency and make sure pipes in unheated areas—like crawl spaces—are properly insulated. It is also advised that all customers clearly label the main

service enters the house through the foundation.

Water Lines Leading To Unheated Structures: Be sure to shut off and drain service lines leading the unheated structures until spring to prevent breaks.



water shutoff valve in their home so they are prepared in the event of a water leak emergency. Shutoff valves are typically located where the water

If you have questions about preparing your home’s water system for the winter or general inquiries about your water service, call 516-931-6469.