



Mountain Regional Water
Special Service District

DISTRICT NEWS

Winter Newsletter 2022

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With snow on the ground, make sure to: mark your meter, locate your main shut off, and familiarize yourself with your plumbing system. Every second counts in a water emergency.

Marking your outdoor water meter:

Mountain Regional Water requires that access to the meter pit be maintained by the homeowner. The meter pit should be accessible at all times. This will help us if we need to access your meter for maintenance or emergency shutoffs due to broken pipes and leaks. If you notice the meter lid is loose, ill-fitting, or missing, please contact us to report it. 435-940-1916.

Steps to take:

- 1. Locate water meter.**
- 2. Mark your meter with a cone or post.**
- 3. Keep your meter covered with snow to help insulate it through out the winter.**

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WAYS TO PREVENT FROZEN PIPES



Keep garage doors closed



Keep thermostat above 55 degrees day and night



Seal doors and windows properly



Act swiftly if you suspect trouble



Insulate your pipes



Open kitchen cabinets

INDOOR CONSERVATION TIPS



REUSE COOKING WATER:

Consider watering your plants with the water left over from cooked pasta and vegetables. The extra nutrients can help plants grow better.



FIX ALL DRIPS:

On average, leaks make up about 14% of all indoor water use. If your faucet is NOT dripping, you'll save about 3 gallons of water by turning it off while brushing your teeth.



KITCHEN TIPS:

You'll use far less water by filling your sink to rinse vegetables, pans and dishes than by just letting the water run.



LOAD IT FULL:

The more dishes you get into the dishwasher per load, the more efficient your water use.



BATHROOM TIPS:

Showering 1 minute less everyday will save up to 1,875 gallons of water each year. While a five-minute shower uses 12 to 25 gallons, a full tub requires about 70 gallons.



UPGRADE YOUR TOILETS:

New models use 1.28 gal per flush. Models prior to 1992 use 3.5 -7 gallons per flush.

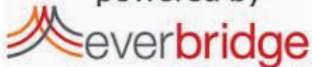


WASH FULL LOADS:

Laundry uses over 20% of all the water in your home.

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<http://slowtheflow.org/>



WHEN WINTER IS AT ITS WORST IT CAN MEAN FROZEN AND BURST PIPES THAT LEAD TO THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN REPAIRS AND WATER CLEANUP SERVICES. WINTERIZING YOUR HOME IS A RELATIVELY CHEAP AND EASY WAY TO ENSURE YOUR PLUMBING IS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER ALL WINTER LONG. HERE ARE A FEW BEST PRACTICES:

Outdoor Plumbing

It's a good idea to disconnect garden hoses and turn off water supply valves leading to outdoor faucets. Then open the outside faucets to drain the lines. If your home is not equipped with isolating exterior faucet shutoff valves, cover all outdoor hose bibs with foam insulation kits. These steps will protect your outdoor faucets from freezing, and prevent damage to connecting indoor water supply pipes.

Heat Tape for Pipes

Thermostat-controlled heat cable, also called heat tape for pipes, is an ideal way to keep exposed pipes too warm to freeze. Essentially, the cable serves as a pipe heater. Simply plug it into an electrical outlet and wrap it tightly around the pipe or run it straight along the length of the pipe and tape it into place. Remember to remove heat tape from the pipe when the weather improves, or it will present a fire risk.

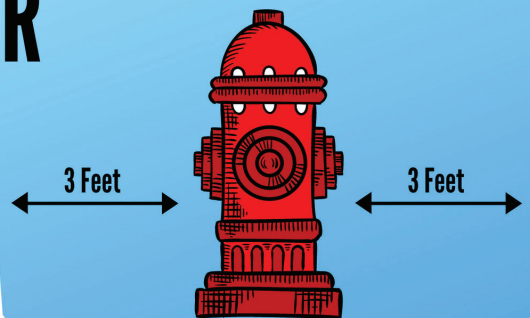
Pipe Insulation

Insulating pipes that are exposed to cold winter temperatures is one of the easiest ways to protect your home from winter plumbing problems. They are inexpensive, easy to fit over pipes, and can be purchased at hardware stores or home centers. Cover all exposed water supply pipes that run outside of the heated portion of your home and wrap with a generous amount of duct tape to keep the insulation in place. Vulnerable water pipes can be found primarily in attics, basements and garages.

KEEP THEM CLEAR

In an emergency, every second counts.

- Remove snow and ice from hydrant
- Clear an area approximately 3 feet around hydrant
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street



How's Utah's snowpack doing?

Check out these sites:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/snow/>

<https://water.utah.gov/water-data/drought/>



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