

WCID #1 Winter Weather Preparedness Tips



Prepare for Freezing Weather



LOCATE YOUR WATER SHUTOFF

Make sure everyone in your residence knows where the water main shutoff valve is located and keep it clear of debris and obstacles at all times.

For most homes in our service area, the property owner's shutoff valve is on the side of your house.

If you cannot find your shutoff valve or if it is damaged, call WCID #1 at 281-337-1576 to have us shut off your water at the meter. DO NOT attempt to go into the meter box yourself.



EXPOSED PIPES AND WATER HEATERS

Insulate pipes in unheated and drafty areas such as attics and garages. Also check manufacturer recommendations for your tank and tankless water heaters. Hardware and plumbing supply stores carry insulation to help keep pipes from freezing.



OUTSIDE FAUCETS

Turn off outside faucets. Remove all connected hoses and wrap faucets with towels or a Styrofoam insulator. Turn off and drain automatic sprinkler systems.



PREPARE BEFORE LEAVING TOWN

If you plan to be away during a time when freezing temperatures are possible, turn off your water at your house and set your thermostat to 65 degrees or higher.



TIP

Fill up your bathtub with water before a freeze so that in the event of a loss of water pressure you have a supply of water to flush toilets.

SIGN UP FOR WCID #1 EMERGENCY ALERTS:

GCWCID1.net/Alerts

READ: Notice to Customer Regarding Payment Deferral During Extreme Weather Emergency

WCID1.com/News

Emergency Supplies to Have on Hand:

- **INSULATION** for indoor and outdoor pipes
- **HOSE BIB COVERS** for outdoor faucets
- Battery powered **RADIO** and **FLASHLIGHT**
- Have enough water - **1 GALLON PER PERSON PER DAY FOR 7 DAYS**

During Freezing Weather

PROTECT INDOOR FAUCETS

Open cabinets beneath kitchen and bathroom sinks on outer walls to allow warmer air to circulate around pipes. Be sure to remove any toxic substances located in these cabinets if there are children or pets living in the residence.

DO NOT DRIP FAUCETS

Dripping faucets to prevent frozen pipes can cause a loss of water pressure throughout the district, resulting in the fire department not having enough water to fight fires.

For an Extended Freeze

WCID #1 will monitor conditions that impact our water infrastructure throughout the freeze and keep you up to date on developments through our social media platforms and website. Follow instructions from WCID #1 for the best guidance on protecting your pipes and Dickinson's water system infrastructure at wcid1.com.

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