Turn off Sprinklers | Avoid Frozen Pipes

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HANDY TIPS TO AVOID FROZEN PIPES THIS WINTER

BEFORE THE COLD WEATHER SETS IN
- Check sprinkler or irrigation systems. Make sure everything is turned off and drained.
- Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines. Fix drafty windows and plug drafts around doors. Identify your home’s freezing points.
- Know how to shut off your water.
- Protect your pipes. Wrap them with insulation.

WHEN TEMPERATURES STAY BELOW FREEZING
- If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.
- Keep water moving through the pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run.

BUT IF YOUR PIPES DO FREEZE
- Shut off the water immediately.
- Thaw pipes with warm air, with a hair dryer or space heater. Do not leave space heaters unattended and do not use kerosene heaters or open flames.
- Be careful turning water back on. Once pipes are thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check pipes and joints for any cracks.

IT’S ALL ABOUT PREVENTION
Frozen pipes can leave you without water in the winter. Take the steps above to prevent frozen pipes this season!
Due to freezing temperatures this coming Sunday, January 14 thru next week the City of Hutchins is requesting that all Residential Outdoor Sprinkler Systems be shut off to prevent water from freezing on sidewalks and in roadways. Low temperatures are expected to be below freezing for several days next week. See above for helpful information. Thank you for your assistance!

**Supporting Documents**

- Preparing for Bitterly Cold Temperatures, Atmos Energy Offers Safety Tips 161.6 KB
- More Safety Tips - English 114.78 KB
- More Safety Tips - Spanish 118.28 KB