A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Winter’s right around the corner.
Summer’s over and the fall season is fleeting fast. Before you know it, the snow will be flying. Are you prepared for winter? Here are some helpful tips from your water authority to make things just a bit easier.

Make sure all outside hose bibs are turned off inside your home and that the hose bibs are drained and left in an open position. Outside hose bibs will surely freeze if left active during the cold winter months, often splitting the fixture and plumbing. When they thaw, it’s almost certain that you will be away for a couple of days at the time causing thousands of gallons of water to be lost.

Be certain that your water meter and any plumbing located on an outside wall will not freeze. Most of the time your water meter is located in your basement adjacent to an outside wall. Check to make sure you have heat in your basement and that all doors and windows are closed tight. Also make sure that any windows close to your meter or plumbing are properly sealed. Remember this is your responsibility to protect the water meter from freezing.

If you are a snow bird and go away for the winter, at a minimum make sure that the main water valve to your home before the water meter is closed. Should any plumbing problems occur while you are gone, by closing your main valve you will assure that your home will not flood. It is also possible for toilets to periodically leak, if this occurs while you are away for 3 or 4 months, many thousands of gallons of water will be wasted. Also if you do go away for the winter, it is helpful to place a call to the Authority that you are away. A note will be attached to your account that you are away and that we should expect no water usage at your premise. By so doing, the Authority will know that the meter is still working properly and you will not be bothered with any telephone calls from the Authority.

Have a safe winter season, think warm thoughts and be assured that your water authority is here to help should you have any problems or questions regarding your water service.

Respectfully submitted,

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