



Winter Preparations

DON'T BE CAUGHT BY SURPRISE! Prepare ahead to be sure you have done everything you can to help avoid leaks, burst water pipes, and furnace outages to be sure you limit your liability.

- **WRAP OR COVER EXTERIOR FAUCETS.** If you do not see any covers at the residence, they are inexpensive to purchase at home improvement stores. See the example to the right.



- **DETACH ALL EXTERIOR GARDEN HOSES.**
- **CHANGE YOUR FURNACE FILTER MONTHLY.** Dirty filters put strain on the system and cause outages. Some filters can be changed less frequently, but monthly is recommended.



- **LOCATE YOUR WATER SHUT-OFF NOW.** Keep the path clear to the shut-off. You don't want to be moving boxes or other heavy items to get to the shut-off in the event of a leak.
- **WHEN FREEZING OR BELOW FREEZING TEMPERATURES ARE EXPECTED:**
 - Open cabinet doors underneath sinks to allow warm air to circulate.
 - Turn interior faucets to a slight drip.
 - Set the thermostat to a minimum of 60-65 degrees so that in the event of a power or heat outage, the interior temperature will take longer to dip to very low temperatures.
- **KEEP A FLASHLIGHT HANDY.**
- **IF YOU SUSPECT A GAS LEAK, LEAVE THE RESIDENCE IMMEDIATELY AND THE AREA IMMEDIATELY, THEN CONTACT PUGET SOUND ENERGY AT 1-888-225-5773 OR 911.**
- If you will be on vacation during winter months, we highly recommend you contact us to be able to hire a contractor to **WINTERIZE THE HOME** to prevent major damage in the event a water pipe bursts while you are gone. You should also check your renter's insurance policy for coverage due to your negligence if you do not prepare the home for vacation.

FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY

Such as leaking water, clogged sewer line, no heat or property damage, call 253-200-1351. If you have not heard from anyone within 10 minutes, call our backup emergency line at 253-254-5435.