

## Preventing Frozen Water Pipes

It is less expensive to run your faucet regularly than to repair a frozen or burst pipe.

When temperatures remain below freezing over the course of several days, water pipes and water meters exposed to cooler air may freeze. Below are some helpful suggestions to make sure your water supply stays flowing this winter.

### Eliminate the Cold

- Install storm windows on basement windows.
- Fill cracks in walls around basement windows.
- Turn off water to an outside spigot at an inside valve and drain the exposed pipe.

### Provide Warmth

- Wrap water pipes in insulation or heat tape.
- If a sink is located against an outside wall, insulate the wall.
- Place a lighted bulb near water pipes – never use open flames.
- Open the door to rooms where water pipes are located to allow circulation.

### Use Your Water Supply

- Run the cold water from the lowest fixture in the house at a stream the width of a pencil.
- Make sure your drain remains clear to prevent overflow or flooding.

If your mailbox is damaged during snowplowing operations, please call the Public Works Department's Administrative Assistant at (224) 293-1610.

