

Lake Arrowhead Community Services District
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Winterizing Tips

Prepare and Protect
Your Home for Winter



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Winter temperatures in the San Bernardino Mountains dip below freezing and into single digits. Don't wait for the damages and expenses of frozen pipes. Be ready for winter. Just a few precautions can greatly reduce your risks, and may even help with your winter heating efficiency. Remember, with winter temperatures, your house is vulnerable each and every year.



DISCONNECT AND DRAIN ALL OUTDOOR HOSES.

Detaching hoses from outdoor faucets allows water to drain from the pipe.



INSULATE PIPES OR FAUCETS IN UNHEATED AREAS.

Before temperatures plummet, wrap any pipelines in an unheated garage or cold crawl space under the house, along with any service to outdoor faucets.

SEAL OFF ACCESS DOORS, AIR VENTS, AND CRACKS.

Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes. Don't plug air vents that your furnace or water heater need for proper ventilation.

FIND THE MASTER SHUTOFF.

In case of a leak, everyone in the family needs to know where it is and what it does. It's usually where the water line comes into your house from the street.

All water that passes through the meter is the homeowner's responsibility, even water lost due to frozen or broken pipes. Protect your home and your wallet.



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VACANT HOME? TURN OFF YOUR WATER!

If you are going to be away from your mountain home for more than a day or two during the winter, the water should be turned off.

Homes usually have a shut-off valve where the water line comes into the house. All homes have a District shut-off at the meter. But the best scenario is to have a Customer Shut-Off Valve installed 18" from the District meter.



A CUSTOMER SHUT-OFF VALVE NEAR THE DISTRICT METER OFFERS YOU THE BEST PROTECTION. If you have a Customer Shut-Off Valve, it is not necessary to have the District meter valve shut off.

Before vacating your home, turn off your water at the Customer Shut-Off Valve. Please remember that only authorized District personnel may turn the District water meter off and on. To have the District meter valve shut off, please call the District at (909) 336-7100.

Once your water is turned off, open and drain ALL household and irrigation lines. Any trapped water can freeze, causing pipes to expand and break. Once all the lines have been drained, close all household and irrigation lines before leaving your home.

Maintaining low heating in your home won't stop your pipes from freezing. This is especially true if you are not a full-time resident. If you have any questions about winterizing, please contact our Customer Service staff members at (909) 336-7100.



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