

## OUR SYSTEMS ARE READY FOR WINTER



TIME TO PREPARE YOUR HOME
INFORMATION ON BACK

## TO PREVENT FROZEN PIPES:

- 1) Insulate pipes. (Foam tubes may be the easiest to install and are available at most building supply stores.)
- 2) When temps fall below freezing, fast drip hot water at a faucet located on one side of the house, and fast drip cold at a faucet located on the other. (Inside faucets only.)



Smart Consumer Tips

**3) Purchase an insulated cover** for outside faucets or install a frost free faucet. (Both are available at most building supply stores. Make sure outside faucets do not drip.)

## OTHER WINTER PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION:

- 1) Service your heating equipment. (Special deals are sometime available in the Fall, but the price is likely to rise when cold weather sets in.)
- 2) The thermostat setting for heat pumps should be decided on, and left at one setting all winter. The thermostat setting for gas heat can be adjusted up and down to save energy as you leave and return to your home. (Never turn the heat off or put the setting below 55 degrees in winter temperatures for more than a few minutes).
- Clean HVAC filters are very important during times of extreme temperatures. (Change your filter more often in extreme outdoor temperatures to increase HVAC unit longevity.)

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