

RESIDENTS ADVISED TO PROTECT WATER PIPES DURING FREEZING TEMPERATURES



With freezing conditions expected around the Coastal Bend, the City advises residents that they should take immediate action to help protect their property. The City offers the following tips to minimize property damage.

- Wrap all exposed pipes located outside or in unheated areas of the home with newspaper, insulation, or towels.
- Remove garden hoses from outside faucets. Insulate outside faucets with a Styrofoam cover, rags or paper.
- Cover vents around the foundation of your home.
- Know where water cut-off valve is located and how to use it. You should apply oil such as WD-40, to the Cut-off valve before operating to prevent the valve from breaking.
- Water can be collected to water plants or wash dishes to prevent waste.
- Open cabinet doors under sinks adjacent to outside walls.
- In unheated garages, shut water off to washing machines. Turn off both the hot and cold-water lines and disconnect them from the back of the washer. Place both lines in the drainpipe behind the washer and drip the faucets. Water softeners should be drained and protected from freezing temperatures.
- Shut off irrigation systems.

Commercial customers should insulate or drain all exposed pipes.

If You Are Not Going to Be at Home

- Cut water off at the property owner's cut-off valve.
- Set the thermostat in your house at no lower than 55°F.
- Open cabinet doors under sinks adjacent to outside walls.
- Ask a friend or neighbor to check your house daily to make sure it's warm enough to prevent freezing.