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# Keeping *Out* the COLD



**C**old weather can create problems for your home water system, so the Philadelphia Water Department would like to offer a few tips to help you protect your home against frigid temperatures.

Cold air blowing through drafty windows or in unheated areas can cause water pipes to burst or damage meters. Try these Water Department tips to ensure that your home water system is ready to face the worst that winter can blow your way.



## Cold Weather Plumbing Tips

**SHUT OFF** outside water faucets from your inside valves, leaving the outside valve open to drain the faucet.

Keep water meter **ABOVE 40 DEGREES** Fahrenheit.

**WRAP** the water meter and the connecting piping with insulation.

**CAULK** windows near water meters or pipes and **COVER** those windows with plastic.

**REPLACE** or **COVER** cracked or broken windows.

**WRAP** and **INSULATE** all water pipes in unheated areas, such as underneath a shed or kitchen floor.

**LET WATER RUN OVERNIGHT** at a trickle in extremely cold weather to keep the pipes from freezing.

Have your vacant property **WINTERIZED** by a registered plumber.



## Help Others Stay Warm This Winter

**M**any in our community struggle with the burden of high utility bills. Philadelphia residents are having a difficult time in today's economy. However, the Utility Emergency Services Fund is here to help those low-income families this winter.

Since 1983, UESF has helped over 150,000 families in Philadelphia that have faced the loss of vital gas, electric and water services.

- When seniors are forced to choose between needed medication or utility service, UESF is there.
- When families try to decide between energy insecurity and nutritional insecurity for their children, UESF is there.
- When households are trying to make the transition back to the workforce, UESF is there.



Our neighbors need your help today. Please consider supporting UESF with a contribution to save someone in our community.

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