



## WINTERIZATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Every year residents of Central Oregon experience problems due to the improper winterization of their homes and landscaping systems. By following the winterization recommendations below it could help you avoid any leaks, breaks, or other winter weather related problems.

Remove garden hoses from spigots and install insulated covers to all of your outdoor faucets. *This will help minimize the chance of the domestic lines freezing and rupturing.*

Ensure foundation vent covers are closed and insulated. *This will help minimize the chance of the piping under the home from freezing and rupturing.*

Turn off any landscape watering system timers and have your system blown out. *For best results, we offer the following recommendations.*

- *Use only trained, licensed professional landscapers for your system blow out.*
- *The maximum air pressure used for blowouts should be 30-40 psi.*
- *Never connect the compressor upstream of the backflow prevention device or to any part of the backflow prevention device. Tampering with a backflow prevention device is never allowed and violators will be held liable for any charges due to damage.*
- *Do not blow out more than one zone at a time.*

If you have installed heat tape or pipe insulation on exposed water pipes, check to make sure they are in working order or secured in place.

Look for your main shut-off valve, usually located near the water pipe enters the home. *Putting a wooden stake or snow pole with blue markings in the ground next to the shut-off valve will help you find it easily in winter weather conditions or in the case of an emergency. If you do not have a main shut-off valve for your home, contact a licensed plumber to inquire on the installation of one.*

In extreme freezing conditions it is advisable to leave at least one faucet at a slow drip and cupboards under sinks open overnight.

Never attempt to thaw your homes meter or backflow prevention device. If you have no water and suspect it is frozen, please contact Avion and we will send a technician to inspect and address the problem.

If you suspect you have a leak at the meter box or backflow preventions device box, contact Avion before calling a plumber.