

Hard Freeze Homeowner Checklist

The City of Walker water customers should give special attention to exposed water pipes during the winter months. Freezing pipes are a problem in our area where they often run through un-insulated or under insulated attics, crawl spaces or insufficiently buried outdoor lines. Although we only have a few cold snaps per winter season, it's still necessary to protect exposed water pipes.

We recommend taking action to protect your home and water supply system when temperatures are expected to drop into the low 30's. Leaving pipes unprotected can cause them to burst, which can result in a tremendous amount of damage to your home and the contents inside as well as resulting in excessively high-water bills.

The City of Walker IS NOT RESPONSIBLE for water connections after the meter, the property owner is charged with the sole responsibility of the care and maintenance for all components of the water system beyond the meter. The following suggestions can help you accomplish this task.

- Insulate water pipes that are exposed in the attic, garage, crawl space and exterior of your home and outbuildings.
- Disconnect all outside hoses from the faucet and insulate the faucet.
- Insulate your sprinkler system pipes and backflow prevention devices.
- Let the water run if the temperature dips below freezing (a stream slightly smaller than a pencil should be sufficient.) The City of Walker WILL NOT reimburse you for any water used as a preventative measure during freezing conditions. Other long term / permanent solutions should be explored.

Warning

If you are unsure of how to conduct freeze prevention, it is recommended that you contact a professional. The City of Walker cannot be held responsible for any information contained in this informative document and for any actions that you do or do not take to protect your home and property.