

## COLD WEATHER REMINDER

With the upcoming extremely cold weather (in the twenties and teens!) we are sending this reminder on how to protect your home:

- 1. Know the location of the main water shut-off valve inside your home.
- 2. Turn off the water supply to your outside hose bibs (spigots) and open the outside faucets so they can drain.
- 3. Let your kitchen sink drip overnight.
- 4. Never turn your thermostat below 65 degrees even if you plan to be away for an extended period of time.
- 5. If your clothes washing machine is on the first floor, you may want to run the hot AND cold water for a short period of time in the clothes washing machine before going to sleep at night and upon waking in the morning to get water running in both lines. You should also leave the door open to the laundry room from the kitchen.
- 6. If your master bathroom is on the first floor, you may want to run the hot AND cold water in all the faucets and flush the toilet before going to sleep at night and upon waking in the morning to get water running through all of the lines.
- 7. If any of your pipes are frozen, you should shut off the water to your home and immediately call a plumber. A frozen pipe may have burst and when it thaws may flood your home.