



Village of Skokie

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All America City Finalist
American Public Works Association
(APWA) Accreditation
Commission on Accreditation for
Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)
Commission on Fire Accreditation
International (CFAI)
Fitch IBCA AAA Financial
Bond Rating
Gold Level Clean Air Counts
Community
Governor's Hometown Award
Government Finance Officers
Association Budget Award
Government Finance Officers
Association Certificate of
Achievement for Excellence in
Financial Reporting
Insurance Services Office (ISO)
Class One Fire Department
State of Illinois Certified Health
Department
Tree City U.S.A. Distinction

Prepare Your Home for Winter Weather: Frozen Pipes

Winter is upon us and the Village of Skokie Public Works Department would like to remind residents about the potential for frozen pipes. Frozen pipes usually occur for one of three reasons:

- When cold outside air leaks into the house and freezes the water in pipes.
- When homeowners lower the thermostats in their houses to 55 degrees or less when they are out of the house.
- When the pipes in crawl spaces or attics are not properly insulated.

During freezing conditions, homeowners should take the following precautions to prevent their pipes from freezing:

- Allow a continuous trickle of water to flow through faucet(s) to help minimize the chances of freezing pipes.
- Seal any leaks around doors or windows to reduce drafts that could lead to pipes freezing.
- Open cabinet doors in the kitchen and bathrooms to allow the heat from the house to circulate.
- Wrap interior piping running along outside walls with pipe insulation or heat tape.

A sign that your interior piping may be frozen is evident when there is a reduced trickle of water from your faucet. Do not attempt to thaw a frozen pipe yourself using an open flame. Rather, contact a qualified plumbing contractor to do the work.

Homeowners are reminded that they are responsible for their water service line up to and including the shut-off box and all household interior plumbing. The Public Works Department can assist in providing a list of qualified plumbing firms. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.

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