

Osage Beach Public Works

WINTER WEATHER HOME CHECKLIST

BEFORE THE FREEZE

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Keep out cold air

Check doors and windows for breaks and gaps, and close tightly. Seal leaks in crawl spaces and basements. Winterize unheated spaces and keep garage doors closed.

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Insulate exposed pipes and water heaters

Insulate pipes in unheated areas like attics or garages. Check manufacturer recommendations for water heaters. Get pipe insulation from hardware or plumbing stores to prevent freezing.

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Winterize outside faucets

Turn off outside faucets. Remove all connected hoses and wrap faucets with towels or a Styrofoam insulator. Also, turn off and drain automatic sprinkler systems.

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Travel preparations

If you plan to travel before a freeze, set your thermostat to 65 degrees or higher and call Public Works to request a temporary meter disconnection.*

DURING THE FREEZE

If your meter pit freezes, call Public Works immediately to minimize damage.

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Protect indoor faucets

Open cabinets under kitchen and bathroom sinks to let warmer air circulate around pipes. Remove toxic substances from these cabinets if you have children or pets.

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Drip faucets below 15°F

Pipes are more likely to freeze below 15°F. Drip a cold faucet to keep them flowing; extreme cold may need a steady stream. To protect water meters, seal the lid tightly, with only the small meter lid exposed. Cover with a blanket or tarp for added insulation.

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Extended power outages

If a power outage lasts for more than 24 hours, call Public Works to turn off water at the meter.

*COURTESY METER DISCONNECTS

Public Works offers courtesy meter disconnects to customers. To make a request, call (573) 302-2020 during business hours. After hours, call police dispatch at (573) 302-2010. Requests are addressed in the order they are received. Meters are easily damaged, so please don't try to turn off the valve yourself.

City of Osage Beach Public Works Department



Business hours: (573) 302-2020



After hours: (573) 302-2010



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