

FREEZE PRECAUTIONS

Steps to follow in case a hard freeze is predicted in the New Orleans area

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Monitor the news or internet for upcoming weather conditions. If a hard freeze is predicted it is recommended that you protect pipes, plants, pets and people.

Our region is unaccustomed to freezing temperatures and precautions need to be taken. To keep you from losing water service for an extended period, we recommend during these times when temperatures dip below freezing that you:

- 1) Drip your inside and outside cold and hot water faucets with a pencil thin stream of water.
- 2) Outside faucets should be wrapped and covered. Consider using a towel, cloth, newspaper or old shirt and possibly wrap with a plastic bag. Pipe insulation is typically in short supply but may be available at area hardware stores, if needed.
- 3) Keep doors to bathroom and kitchen open along with the doors under kitchen sink and bath lavatory. This will help keep them warmer.
- 4) If you live in a raised house and you are able to block the wind on the Northern side of the house you should do so to lessen the air flow under the house.
- 5) Please share these recommendations with your neighbors especially if you share a water meter because their actions can affect your ability to retain water flow and vice-versa.