Winterize YOUR HOME

The cold weather is upon us & frozen pipes could be a possibility.

Here are **9 things you can do** when temps reach 32 degrees & lower to help prevent pipes from freezing in your home:

- **Disconnect Garden Hoses**
  In November, disconnect your garden hose from the outside hose bib and store until Spring. If they are not disconnected, you will risk the water freezing and pipes bursting in your home.

- **NEVER Turn Your Heat Off Under Any Circumstance**
  Set your thermostat no lower than 65 degrees. Even if you are planning on going out of town or leaving your home for more than 24 hours, it is imperative to leave the heat running to help prevent your pipes from freezing and bursting.

- **Let Your Faucets Drip**
  Open your faucets in the kitchen and bathrooms to allow both the cold and hot water to drip. This allows for the water to have a constant flow and assists with preventing pipes from freezing.

- **Keep Your Garage Door Closed**
  Keep your Garage Door completely closed when not in use during the Winter months.

- **Open Cabinets**
  During extended periods of below freezing temperatures, keep kitchen and bathroom cabinets open so that the warm air can reach pipes along exterior walls that are often exposed to the most extreme temperatures.

- **When Leaving for Vacation**
  Notify the leasing office if you're going on vacation for an extended length of time.

- **Leave Registers in Unused Rooms Open**
  Any registers in unused spare rooms should be left open in order to keep the room warm and prevent interior water lines from freezing.

- **Do Not Warm Up Your Vehicle Inside Your Garage**
  This can create high levels of carbon monoxide in your garage and your home.

- **Remove Heater Obstructions**
  Make sure heat registers or baseboard heaters are not obstructed.

In the event you have frozen pipes or pipes that have burst, call in an Emergency Work Order immediately. As a reminder, never use your stove or oven to heat your home.