



CITY OF THE DALLES
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PRESS RELEASE

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Winterizing reminders from the Public Works Department:

It's time again to protect water meters and pipes from freezing winter weather. To avoid the property damage and inconvenience caused by frozen water pipes, these tips are offered.

- Have you drained irrigation systems?
- Have you removed hoses and protected outside faucets?
- Have you insulated or installed heat tape on pipes exposed to the cold?
- Have you checked heat tapes to be sure they are working?
- Have you checked foundation vents to be sure they are closed?
- Have you checked your water meter to be sure it is insulated?
(A "meter blanket" is recommended as proper water meter insulation.)

The City of The Dalles Public Works Department provides "meter blankets" which are ½ inch thick pieces of polyethylene foam pre-cut to fit in a standard meter box. The blanket sits inside of the meter box between the lid and the meter, creating an insulating air space.

Meter blankets are available for all City of The Dalles water customers at No Cost. Please stop by the City's Public Works office at 1215 West First Street between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, to pick up a water meter insulation blanket. Care should be taken not to damage the wire connected to the meter box lid any time the lid is removed.

Customers are asked to notify the Public Works office at 296-5401, extension 2001, if they notice any damaged meter box lids or have any questions.