Winterize Your Home's Plumbing Tips for the Homeowner

Living in Roseville, freezing temperatures do not happen every year, but when we get frigid temperatures we need to be concerned about our home's piping systems. In addition to caulking your windows, raking leaves and cleaning out gutters, homeowners should put winterizing their home's piping system on their list of things to do.

- Disconnect and drain your garden hoses and store them inside.
- O Wrap pipes and valves in unheated areas with heat tape or cover with pipe insulation. These products are available at your local home improvement store. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation. Turn off your irrigation system and drain water from the lines. Water left in the system could become frozen and cause pipes to break.
- It is always a good idea to know where your main water shut off valve is. If a problem does arise in your water system, turning this valve off will stop the flow of water to your home. Typically, this valve is located next to your home where your main supply line is.
- If no one will be home for an extended period of time during extreme winter weather you might consider turning your main valve off altogether and hiring a plumber to drain your system. That way there will be no water in your pipes to freeze.

Taking a few precautionary measures before cold weather sets in might just save you from dealing with a messy and costly water pipe break.