



COLUMBIA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT NEWS

Columbia Valley Water District would like to wish all its customers a happy and safe holiday season.

*The office is open
Mon, Wed and Fri
from 8:00 am – 4:30
pm (closed for lunch
from 12:00–1:00 pm)*

*Please note we do
not accept post
dated checks. If a
post dated check is
received we will mail
it back to the
address on the
check and your
account may incur
late fees.*

*District meetings are
every 4th Wednesday
of the month at 7:00
pm at the District
office. They are
open to the public
and everyone is
encouraged to
attend.*

UPCOMING DISTRICT OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The office will be closed on the following days:

11/12/12 – Veteran’s Day 11/23/12 – Thanksgiving

Also, the December regular board meeting is rescheduled and will be held on 12/19/12 at 7:00pm located at the District office. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WINTER WILL BE HERE SOON. ARE YOU READY?

Plumbing is especially susceptible to cold weather and freezing. Burst pipes from freezing can cause some of the most expensive repairs in the home. Following are some of the more basic tips to prepare for the winter months ahead.

Insulate Exposed Piping

If you have any exposed water or drain piping at all in uninsulated spaces such as in a crawlspace, attic, outside walls, etc., make sure to insulate them with foam insulation at a minimum. Ideally you should wrap them with electrical heating tape first, then insulate them.

Exterior Faucets

Known as hose bibbs or sill-cocks, the exterior faucet needs to have its water supply turned off inside the house, and you also need to drain water from it by opening up the exterior faucet. You may also want to consider an insulated cover for the hose bibb. And **remember to disconnect your garden hoses from the sill cocks or outside faucets and drain them if you store them outside.**

Insulate Hot Water Tank

Insulate your hot water tank with an insulating blanket you can buy at the hardware store.

Seasonal Shut Down

If you are shutting down a property for several months, it is recommended that you should shut off the water supply and drain the plumbing system. If a leak were to occur without occupancy, the damage could be catastrophic.

District staff will turn off the water supply to your home at the meter for free during normal business hours. Please contact us if you would like us to turn off the main water supply and for tips on how to drain your home plumbing system.

KNOW THE LOCATION OF YOUR HOMES MAIN SHUT OFF VALVE

We encourage everyone to know where the main shut off valve that leads into their home is located and how to shut it off.

For more winter water tips, please contact the District office Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

