

# TODD CREEK VILLAGE

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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## Tips for Preventing Broken Pipes This Winter

More than likely you've already winterized your sprinkler system, but have you winterized your pipes? Temperatures have already dropped below freezing this year. When that happens, the accumulated water inside the pipes can freeze, even in just one night of freezing temps. Water expands as it freezes, creating extreme pressure on the pipe which can cause the pipe to break. Did you know that even a one-eighth inch crack in a pipe can release up to 250 gallons of water a day? This can cause thousands of dollars of structural and property damage. Luckily, there are things you can do to prevent this from happening.

### ***Insulate Pipes***

There are several options, but the easiest and least expensive is simply adding foam insulation casing to exposed pipes. It's readily available at any home improvement store for a few dollars.



### ***Let Your Faucet Drip***

Though a dripping faucet is not normally a good thing, it can help prevent pipes on exterior walls from freezing when the temperatures are below freezing. A little bit of water flow keeps pressure low in the pipes and that means less of a chance of those pipes bursting.

### ***Open Cupboard Doors***

On particularly cold days and nights, leaving the cupboard doors open on exterior walls allows warmer air to move around the pipes and reduces the risk of them freezing.

### ***Disconnect/Shut Off the Water***

If you don't need your exterior water faucets during the winter, it's always best to shut the water off to the outside and let the water drain from the pipes.

### ***Mind Your Thermostat***

Keep your thermostat set so that the temperature in your home doesn't drop below 50 degrees if you are going to be away from home.

For information about your water quality and much more, be sure to check the FAQ section of our website.

***Transparency Notice: Board Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm at the Todd Creek Golf Club, 8455 Heritage Dr, Thornton, CO 80602. The public is always welcome.***



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