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Water Pipe & Freeze-Up

When below freezing temperatures are sustained over a few days, water pipes and meters that are close to cold air may freeze. Property owners are responsible for protecting both water pipes and the meters from damage.

BPU Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

BPU office will be closed Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27. We will re-open on Monday, November 30 at 7 am.



Winter Tips

First on the list? Your thermostat. Your furnace should be running for longer, steadier times to save money. "I like to think of it like getting optimal miles-per-gallon with your car," said Adade Amenounve, Homeowner Development Coordinator at Habitat. "Do you get better mileage on streets with lots of stoplights or on the highway? Same principle works for your thermostat. Don't crank your thermostat up or down to heat or cool your home faster—it simply does not work." Instead, Amenounve recommends changing your thermostat temperature setting only when you'll be away from home for eight or more hours. Don't constantly change the thermostat setting when you're home—it wastes money.



Take care of your water pipes. Open cabinet doors under sinks, and don't forget to check on pipes to your washing machine in the laundry room. Insulating hot water pipes can also help deliver warmer water with the added benefit of energy savings. Experts also recommend you allow your faucets to drip very slowly during extremely cold temperatures. Single control faucets should drip with the lever set in the middle.

WATER CONSERVATION

Monthly Tip on Saving From the Tap!

- One drip every second adds up to five gallons per day!
- Check your faucets and showerheads for leaks.

General Ice thickness Guidelines

Activity	Minimum Ice Thickness
Ice Skating	4"
Sledding	5-7"
Car	8-12"
Truck	12-15"

MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR NEW, CLEAR ICE

Ice is never 100% safe!

Call Gopher State One at 1-800-252-1166 for water and electric locations before digging. All requests for locations must be made by calling the above number at least 48 hours before digging begins.

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Fats, oils, and grease resulting from food preparation can build up in the sewer pipes and cause costly blockage and backups and sewage overflows to private and public property.

Tips to keep drains fat-free: Pour fats, oils, and grease into a container and store in the freezer, then put in the trash after it has hardened. Use paper towels to wipe greasy dishes before washing. Use sink strainers to catch food waste when washing.



**KEEP YOUR DRAINS
FAT FREE!**



Nasty sight? This is what grease
down the drain does to pipes.

Join Your Neighbors Who Care By Giving To HeatShare

HeatShare is a voluntary program administered by The Salvation Army. When you give you are helping warm the lives of the elderly, disabled, and others who have nowhere else to turn. It helps the needy survive our long winter by providing funds for heating bills and heating related repairs.

HeatShare is a last resort for many who have no other resources available to see them through the winter. You can also donate online at <https://donate.salvationarmyusa.org/northern/heatshare>

Who is eligible for HeatShare?

- Seniors with low incomes and no alternate source of help.
- Disabled people whose physical capabilities limit their ability to maintain income to adequately cover energy bills.
- People who have had unexpected emergencies within the last 12 months and as a result cannot pay for household energy costs.
- People who meet income guidelines and have received or applied for all other possible public funds.



Who supports HeatShare?

You, neighbors, friends, people in big cities, people in small towns, and businesses all help by sending a tax deductible contribution with the form provided below. HeatShare is one way a small amount can help in a BIG way.

Yes!! I want to contribute to HeatShare

I am making a one-time contribution of: \$ _____



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Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Account Number: _____

Signature: _____

Please make **check payable to HeatShare** & enclose this form with your utility payment in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your generous tax deductible contribution!