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NEW JERSEY HOME GUIDE

WINTER PLUMBING PROTECTION GUIDE

7 smart moves to help prevent cold-weather plumbing trouble.

YOUR 10-MINUTE PRE-FREEZE HOME CHECKLIST

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01 / OUTDOOR FAUCETS

Disconnect garden hoses

A connected hose can trap water and contribute to a frozen outdoor faucet.

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02 / EXPOSED PIPES

Insulate vulnerable plumbing

Check unheated basements, crawl spaces, garages and exterior-wall pipes.

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03 / MAIN WATER VALVE

Know where to shut it off

Locate your main water shutoff now, before a leak or burst pipe happens.

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04 / INDOOR HEAT

Keep vulnerable rooms warm

Maintain consistent heat, especially where pipes run along exterior walls.

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05 / SLOW DRAINS

Address clogs and small leaks

Do not ignore recurring drain problems before busy winter household use.

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06 / BOILER & HEATING

Pay attention to warning signs

Unusual noises, leaks, pressure problems or uneven heat need a professional check.

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07 / LEAVING TOWN?

Make a winter travel plan

Keep appropriate heat on and arrange for someone to check your home.

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IF A PIPE FREEZES

Never use an open flame to thaw it. If a pipe may have burst, shut off the water if safe and contact a plumber.

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