

Frozen Water Lines & Freeze Run Tips



- * As winter progresses, you can monitor the temperature of your cold water with a thermometer by letting your cold water run for a while to ensure that the reading is being taken from water that is in your water line outside the house. If the temperature of that water falls below 38°F, it is recommended to start a “freeze run”.
- * It is recommended a “freeze run” to be about the size of a pencil or approximately a quarter of a gallon per minute. Installing an “icemaker kit”, that can be purchased from most hardware stores, allows good control over the flow of water and allows water to be ran somewhere that it won’t be heard or have the risk of being shut off accidentally.
- * The City DOES NOT make recommendations as to when to run “freeze runs” on or off.
- * City Ordinance Title V – Public Works – Section 50.18 states:

“The property owner is responsible that all lines be kept free flowing from the main to the house. This would include, but is not limited to, freeze-ups ...”

The complete Ordinance can be viewed under the ‘Ordinances’ tab.