WINTER WEATHER MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR THE HOME

HOUSING DEPARTMENT
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As the temperatures are dropping below 30 degrees, it is important to do a quick inspection of your home or rental to help prevent any undue stress, damage, or dangerous conditions. CTUIR Housing Department want Tenants, as well as non-Housing renters and home owners to be reminded of some important tips to have a successful, safe winter in their home. *(Non-Housing renters should consult their landlord for policies and procedures, as these tips are meant to be informative and not indicative of what all landlords expect from their tenants.)*

Cover or insulate outdoor water faucets and/or plumbing access points.

Home owners with wells, keep a working shop heater or heat lamp in the pump house.

Don't ignore water leaks. **Tenants of Housing Department** call in a work order. Home Owners, repair or replace components as needed. Non-Housing Renters, contact your landlord.

Keep the heater thermostat at least 62 degrees at all times during freezing temperatures.

Open cupboard doors under the sinks to allow warm air flow.

You may "drip" your faucets to help prevent freezing pipes.

Do not cover windows or doors with blankets, as they cause insufficient air flow producing unhealthy growth of mold or mildew.

Do NOT ignore carbon monoxide detectors– it may be a gas leak. **Tenants of Housing Department** call Cascade Natural Gas (888-522-1130) first, then call Housing. This is for safety and to maintain proper heating. *All others should contact the fuel provider that is utilized.*

Tenants of Housing Department call 541-429-7920 to submit work orders as necessary. After-hours *emergency* issues should be called to UTPD dispatch (541-278-0550) for the on-call maintenance technician.

Home owners should take preventative action to help alleviate any potential maintenance problems. Regular maintenance upkeep is key to keeping property from costing excessive money and frustration.