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**PERSONAL PLUMBING PROFESSIONAL**

# TIPS for Winterizing *Your Plumbing*

## Garden Hose Faucets



You may have a faucet installed at the front of your garage and the piping bringing water to this faucet could be installed in a "cold" wall. This means there is no heat on either side of the wall in which the piping is installed. In this case you may have a shut off valve installed somewhere at the beginning of this line and hopefully in a heated wall. If so, this valve needs to be shut off and the piping to the faucet drained.

Some hose faucets will not let the water drain from the piping without taking apart the faucet. It may be necessary to send a **Personal Plumbing Professional** to your home however we are happy to have you email a picture to see if we can help you over the phone.

## When it Requires Extra Attention

*Water piping running through unheated spaces such as under the house or an unheated basement may require some extra attention:*

**1** First you want to be sure the water piping is wrapped with a foam pipe insulation.

**2** Next if your piping is running near a foundation vent in an unheated space, you may want to block the vents, with pieces of foam pad. This will keep freezing wind from blowing past your piping and possibly freezing the water inside.



**The blocked vents must be removed in the spring to allow proper airflow and avoid rotting wood.**

**If you are uncomfortable going in to your crawl space under the house contact us and will be happy to schedule a **Personal Plumbing Professional** to assist you.**

## Planning on Taking a Vacation?

If you are going away during the winter, [click here](#) for a step-by-step plan to shutting down your water before you leave and how to turn it back on when you return.

However, if you are going to be away **ALL WINTER** you may want to consider having a **Personal Plumbing Professional** "winterize" your home thoroughly to avoid any damage due to freezing pipes...especially if you lose power and thus heat for an extended period of time.



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