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Cold Weather Plumbing Checklist

Print, check off what applies to your home, and keep page 2 near your water shutoff plan.

BEFORE WINTER

- [ ] Locate and label the household water shutoff; show all responsible adults where it is.
- [ ] Disconnect and drain hoses. Protect outside faucets; drain dedicated lines only as instructed for your system.
- [ ] Check hot and cold pipes in garages, crawl spaces, attics and exterior-wall cabinets; insulate as appropriate.
- [ ] Seal accessible drafts near pipes without blocking appliance vents.
- [ ] Follow installer directions for pools, irrigation and specialty systems; avoid unapproved antifreeze.

BEFORE A COLD SNAP

- [ ] Watch freeze forecasts; keep indoor heat on and heating equipment ready.
- [ ] Keep garage doors closed when they shelter plumbing; check cold and seldom-used rooms.
- [ ] Open sink cabinets for warm-air circulation; secure cleaners away from children and pets.
- [ ] Consider a small drip at vulnerable faucets only if appropriate for the home and local utility guidance.
- [ ] Watch for weak flow, frost, wet spots and post-thaw leaks. Never thaw a pipe with an open flame.

BEFORE TRAVELLING

- [ ] Leave heat on, at 55°F or above per Red Cross guidance; make a heating-outage plan.
- [ ] Have a trusted person check the property and heat regularly; share access and shutoff details.
- [ ] Save utility, plumber and insurance contacts; plan for a loss of power or heating.
- [ ] Ask a professional before shutting off or draining unfamiliar boiler, sprinkler or water systems.

Safety references: Red Cross National Weather Service Michigan.gov

General safety guidance only. Ask your plumber about your specific water, heating and sprinkler systems.

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My Household Quick-Reference Sheet

Write in important locations and contacts now, before a freeze or sudden water leak.

MAIN HOUSEHOLD WATER SHUTOFF

Exact location / access: _____

_____

Note: do not operate unknown utility or fire-sprinkler valves.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Plumbing inquiry (Top Champ): **774-218-9526**

Water utility / emergency shutoff: _____

Property manager / trusted contact: _____

Insurance / claims number: _____

VULNERABLE PLUMBING AREAS TO CHECK

Examples: outdoor spigots, exterior-wall sinks, garage, crawl space, attic

_____

_____

PERSON CHECKING THE PROPERTY

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Visit / check-in plan: _____

Key/access arrangement: _____

IF WATER IS LEAKING OR A PIPE BURSTS

1. Keep people away from standing water and possible electrical hazards.
2. If safe and familiar, close the household water shutoff to limit damage.
3. Call a plumber; contact your utility if the shutoff is inaccessible or uncertain.
4. Once safe, take photos, note the location and check for leaks after thawing.

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