

PREVENTING FROZEN WATER PIPES

Where the Trouble Lies

Pipes most at risk for freezing include:

- Exposed pipes in unheated areas of the home.
- Pipes located in exterior walls.
- Any plumbing on the exterior of the home.

Preventative Measures for Outside

A frozen garden hose can cause more damage than a busted hose; it can actually burst an interior pipe. When the water in the hose freezes, it expands, increasing pressure throughout the whole plumbing system. As part of your regular seasonal maintenance, garden hoses should be disconnected, drained, and stored before the first hard freeze.

If you don't have frost-proof spigots, close the interior shut-off valve leading to that faucet, open and drain the spigot, and install a faucet insulator. They cost only a couple bucks and are worth every penny. Don't forget, outdoor kitchens need winterizing, too, to prevent damage.

Exposed Interior Plumbing

Exposed pipes in the basement are rarely in danger of freezing because they are in a heated portion of the home. But plumbing pipes in an unheated area, such as an attic, crawl space, and garage, are at risk of freezing.

Often, inexpensive foam pipe insulation is enough for moderately cold climates. For severe climes, opt for wrapping problem pipes with thermostatically controlled heat tape (from \$50 to \$200, depending on length), which will turn on at certain minimum temps.

Under-Insulated Walls

If pipes traveling in exterior walls have frozen in the past (tell-tale signs include water damage, mold, and moisture build-up), it's probably because of inadequate or improperly installed insulation. It might well be worth the couple hundred dollars it costs to open up the wall and beef up the insulation.

"When nothing else works, say for a northern wall in a really cold climate, the last resort is to reroute a pipe," notes Abrams. Depending on how far the pipe needs to be moved — and how much damage is caused in the process — this preventative measure costs anywhere from \$700 on up. Of course, putting the room back together is extra.

Heading South for the Winter?

For folks leaving their houses for an extended period of time in winter, additional preventative measures must be taken to adequately protect the home from frozen pipes.

- Make sure the furnace is set no lower than 15° C.
- Shut off the main water supply and drain the system by opening all faucets and flushing the toilets.

How to Thaw a Frozen Pipe

Before doing anything, shut off the water supply to that section of plumbing (or the entire house if that's the only option) because the real trouble begins after the thaw. That's because the frozen water may be acting as a plug, preventing water from spilling out of the cracks in the pipes. When that plug is thawed, water gushes out. It's a good idea to be ready with a mop, bucket, and towels in case there's a plumbing leak.

Use a space heater, heat lamp, or hair dryer to thaw the frozen length of pipe. Wrapping freezing pipes with thermostatically controlled heat tape is also effective to quickly thaw a trouble spot.

Article from www.houselogic.com



Town of Herbert EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are currently being accepted for the following 2017 Summer Season positions at the Herbert & District Swimming Pool:

SENIOR LIFEGUARDS / INSTRUCTORS

These full and part-time positions are open to individuals qualified to lifeguard, instruct swimming lessons, oversee front desk duties and operate cash register, handle registrations and perform daily pool and facility maintenance.

The Herbert pool is affiliated with the Lifesaving Society & certification must meet their requirements. All applicants must also possess a current NLS certificate & Instructor certificate.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS

These part-time positions are open to individuals qualified for lifeguarding duties. Applicants must have completed Bronze Medallion & Bronze Cross.

Applications must include qualifications, experience, & availability.

Please send resumés to:

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competitive wages
& will reimburse
100%
of certification or
re-certification
costs.



If your Triways cart looks like this when full, please don't be surprised when it's not picked up. The Triways truck operator will not physically exit the vehicle to manhandle garbage or recycling of any kind. The town office is kept informed of the carts not picked up and the reasons why. Also, Triways reserves the right to change things up when warranted and the route times will change periodically. Herbert is only one stop of many on their route. PLEASE BE PATIENT!

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COUNCIL MEETINGS:
Mondays, February 13 & 27
Meetings begin at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.
Entrance located off of parking lot behind building.

DROP BOX:
For your convenience, a drop box is located in the front door. Please leave utility payments, water meter readings, etc.



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Resident Telephone Listings

We try to keep our resident contact list updated for Emergency Measure Operations & in the event that there may be a disruption to the water service in your area.

Prior requests have been made by the town, but to reiterate, if you have opted to drop your landline telephone number in favour of a cellular number, or have both a landline & an alternate cell number, please contact the town office so that we may update our records.

For example, the latest dig on Thompson Street affected the 400 & 500 blocks; unfortunately, not everyone could be contacted because of outdated telephone information or there was no answer at the time.

As in this latest instance of water disruption, we phoned as many residents as we could with the information we had, went door to door & relied on social media to post ongoing updates onto the **Town Herbert** facebook page. Send us a friend request to receive our newsfeed.



HERBERT BRANCH LIBRARY

Craft Days 2017

Saturdays at 10 am

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| Feb 11 | Valentines Day |
| Mar 11 | St. Patrick's Day |
| Apr 8 | Easter |
| May 13 | Mother's Day |

Whoever named it *necking* is a poor judge of anatomy. *Groucho Marx*

Why should you never breakup with a goalie? *Because he's a keeper.*

What did one boat say to the other?
"Are you up for a little row-mance?"



Shoveling Walkways

The town would like to remind business owners & residents that it is up to you to keep the sidewalks bordering your properties clear of snow. The town is responsible for it's properties. On occasion the town workers may decide to clear the sidewalks in front of businesses only as a courtesy. It is not part of our snow removal policy per se and shouldn't be expected.

If anyone is interested in helping out fellow residents unable to handle the snow removal task themselves, let the town office know & we'll get the word out.

The logo is composed of a series of diamonds, or "celebratory gems", arranged in the shape of the iconic maple leaf. The four diamonds at the base represent the four original provinces that formed Confederation in 1867: Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Additional diamonds extend out from the base to create nine more points—in total representing the 13 provinces and territories.



CANADA 150

1867-2017

Saskatchewan became a province in 1905. Herbert was incorporated as a town on November 1, 1912.