

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WINTERIZING YOUR CABIN

BLSMWC strongly recommends that all shareholders winterize their cabins to prevent costly repairs and avoid unnecessary water charges.

1. Insulate exposed water pipes under the cabin and any exposed service lines outside. A watertight box should cover outside insulation. (Wet insulation loses its insulating value.)
2. When closing the cabin, shut off the water at your shut-off valve at the house **AND** in your shareholder box on the street. (Please do not use the BLSMWC shut-off located in the meter box.) If you do not have a shutoff in the shareholder box, we recommend having one installed.
3. Turn off electricity to the hot water heater. Be sure the hot water heater is full of water before restoring energy.
4. Drain lines by opening the drain valve that should be at the lowest point in the system. (If you have no drain valve, you should install one.)
5. Open all inside faucets (kitchen, bathroom, service room, etc., including shower risers).
6. Open all outside hose bibs and relieve all vacuum breakers if so equipped.
7. Please DO NOT let water run in order to prevent freezing since this wastes water.

The above recommendations are provided for educational and informational purposes only and shall not be construed as guarantees of any particular outcome. BLSMWC expressly disclaims any liability for damages, breakage, or failures occurring on the shareholder's side of the water meter that arise from adherence to or deviation from these recommendations.

If you are having problems with your water service call:

BLSMWC office at 209-795-7025, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

If there is an Emergency, call 209-795-7030 and leave a message. The message will be electronically transferred to the person on call, who will call you back within 15 minutes.

If you observe leaks in the water system lines, please call us at once. Thank you!

(Please post this in your cabin.)