

CITY OF HANCOCK TIPS TO PREVENT WATER PIPE FREEZE UPS

- DON'T PLOW OR REMOVE SNOW OVER YOUR WATER SERVICE LINE, EVEN ON SIDEWALKS OR DRIVEWAYS, IF POSSIBLE.
- MAINTAIN 50 DEGREE HEAT IN THE BASEMENT OR CRAWL SPACE, ESPECIALLY NEAR THE WATER PIPE ENTRANCE TO THE FOUNDATION.
- CHECK HEAT TAPES TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE WORKING, IF YOUR ARE USING HEAT TAPE.
- RUN WATER AN EXTRA 30 TO 60 SECONDS OR SO EVERY TIME YOU USE THE TAP, OR FLUSH THE TOILET AN EXTRA TIME, ESPECIALLY JUST BEFORE YOU GO TO BED, AND AS SOON AS YOU GET UP IN THE MORNING.
- IF YOU GET UP DURING THE NIGHT, RUN THE TAP WATER FOR 2 TO 3 MINUTES BEFORE GOING BACK TO BED.
- OPEN A WATER TAP WIDE OPEN FOR 2 TO 3 MINUTES SEVERAL TIMES A DAY TO GET AN EXTRA FLOW THROUGH.
- IF YOUR HOME WILL BE UNATTENDED FOR MORE THAN 12 HOURS, HAVE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR COME IN AND RUN THE WATER EVERY 8 TO 12 HOURS.
- IF YOUR WATER PIPE BECOMES FROZEN, IMMEDIATELY PUT A HEAT SOURCE NEAR THE INSIDE PIPE ENTRANCE INTO THE FOUNDATION THIS OFTEN THAWS THE PIPE BEFORE IT CAN GET FROZEN MORE SOLID.
- IF YOU ARE APPROVED FOR RUNNING YOUR WATER, MAKE SURE NO ONE INADVERTENTLY SHUTS IT OFF, THIS HAPPENS QUITE OFTEN.
- CONTINUE THESE SUGGESTED MEASURES THROUGH MID APRIL.