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## **RESIDENTIAL NOTIFICATION**

## COLD WEATHER TIPS TO HELP PREVENT FREEZING WATER LINES

As we are entering consistent colder temperatures, the Marceline Water Department would like to offer the following recommendations to help prevent water lines from freezing:

- 1. **Keep Water Flowing**: Allowing a small stream of water to flow or drip from a faucet can help maintain movement in your water lines, reducing the risk of freezing in both the water meter and the pipes.
- 2. **Protect Vulnerable Areas**: Consider using heat tape near water lines that are particularly susceptible to cold. Additionally, installing wind barriers—such as straw bales—around your foundation can help shield water lines from harsh winds and protect areas with cracks that may lead beneath your home.
- 3. Check Water Meter Lids: Please ensure that water meter lids and pits are securely closed. If you notice that the water meter lid is improperly seated, has a gap, or appears damaged (e.g., holes in the meter lid or ring), we ask that you notify City Hall at (660) 376-3528 to report the issue, and we will generate a work order for repairs.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain reliable water service during the winter months. If you have any questions please contact the Water Department via phone at 660.376.0700 or via email at mikeal.thompson@marcelinemo.us