



Winter Property Protection Tips

Be Safe and Prepared!

Extreme cold temperatures and dangerous wind chills are common during late fall and winter seasons. DRF Water Heating Solutions wants all our valued team members, customers, and partners to be safe and prepared. Proper preparation can help avoid dangerous and costly consequences from extreme cold temperatures.

Here are some important steps to take:

Property

- Keep HVAC circulation fans and ceiling fans running to minimize cold spots throughout your property.
- Keep thermostats set at a comfortable daytime temperature and forgo nighttime setbacks during extreme cold.
- Keep cabinet doors open under sinks for heat circulation especially for sinks on exterior walls.
- Keep a small trickle of water running at faucets to help prevent pipes from freezing.
- Catch potential problems early by inspecting any known trouble areas of your property at least twice daily for any signs of cold related damage.
- Check all chimney and exhaust flues to be sure they are clear of snow or ice.
- Inspect all carbon monoxide detectors for proper operation and replace batteries if more than one year old.

Vehicles

- Fill fuel tanks each night to minimize chance of condensation and be prepared in the event you become stranded for any period of time.
- Add fuel system additive to prevent fuel system freeze ups.
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle with water, high protein snacks, blankets, gloves, and hats.
- Check tire pressures as cold temperatures can reduce pressures.
- Bring vehicles in a garage if possible.

Personal

- Stay indoors as much as possible and cover all exposed flesh when outside. Frostbite can occur in as little as ten minutes at extreme cold temperatures.
- Have a four-day supply of food and water in your home.
- Have an adequate supply of any medications you require.
- Charge cell phones.
- Keep flashlights and batteries close by and ready.
- Keep close watch on the elderly and young; they are less able to sense temperature changes and more susceptible to hypothermia.
- Bring pets inside.
- Establish a communications plan with loved ones and check-in at scheduled intervals.