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Winterization Information

Temperatures in Bellingham have been known to drop below freezing as early as October and as late as April. Tenants must take all precautions to protect pipes from freezing and breaking. Here are some precautions tenants can take to help prevent pipes from freezing.

Apartments:

- During cold weather, maintain a minimum temperature of 65 degrees in your unit.
- When temperatures drop below freezing, leave water trickling from all faucets to ensure they do not freeze.
- Keep cabinets under the kitchen and bathroom sinks open when the temperature drops below freezing.
- If you connect a hose to an outside faucet, immediately remove it after use. Apex will remove any hoses found connected to faucets.
- If you leave for extended periods during the winter, have someone check on your unit and contact Apex regarding your absence. In the event of a leak or emergencies due to frozen pipes bursting, we will need access to your unit immediately.

Houses / duplexes:

- During cold weather, maintain a minimum temperature of 65 degrees in your house.
- When temperatures drop below freezing, leave water trickling from all faucets to ensure they do not freeze.
- Keep cabinets under the kitchen and bathroom sinks open when temperature drops below freezing.
- Make sure that the crawl space vents on the outside of your property are securely covered with a board or piece of Styrofoam. This helps keep the cold air from reaching the pipes and also keeps your floors warmer.
- Outside hoses hooked up to your property must be disconnected and drained.
- Outside faucets must be drained, covered, and protected so they will not freeze.