



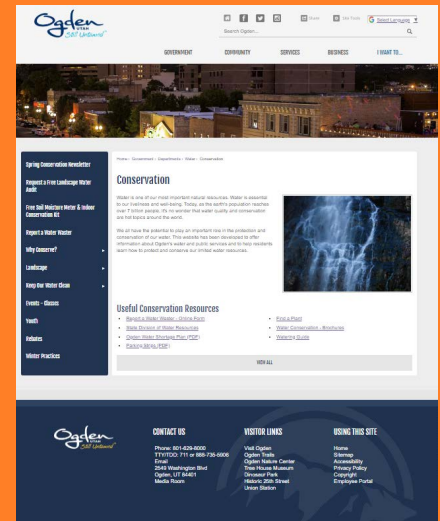
CONSERVE & SAVE

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Autumn is the season to *fall* into better habits!

Freezing temperatures are just around the corner! Develop a fall checklist to prepare for the cold winter months to avoid costly plumbing repairs and damage to your home. Autumn is also a great time to turn over a new leaf with water conservation. Check out our new website, www.OgdenWater.com, to learn more about water conservation. Here are some tips to get you started!

- Fix leaking pipes and fixtures. A leaking toilet can waste 200 gallons of water per day!
- Turn off your sprinkler controller and completely drain your irrigation system.
- Winterize outdoor faucets, evaporative coolers, and any other plumbing that will be exposed to freezing temperatures.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks with a broom rather than spraying them clean with a hose.
- Wash only full loads of laundry in the washing machine.
- Do not leave the water running while brushing your teeth.



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- Online account access
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- Report a water waster
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Prevent Frozen Water Lines

Water has a unique property in that it expands as it freezes. This expansion puts tremendous pressure on whatever is containing it, including metal or plastic pipes. When frozen pipes burst, they can cause significant water damage to your home.

The good news is that frozen pipes are one home disaster that can be prevented. Follow these easy steps to protect the pipes in your home from freezing this winter.



Outdoor Preparation

- Winterize your sprinkler system by shutting off the main valve and opening the lines to fully drain. Don't forget to turn off your sprinkler controller.
- Cover outside house spigots, faucets, and hose bibs with insulated covers and tape to prevent freezing and breaking.

Indoor Practices

- Insulate pipes located in the outer walls of your home, attic, crawl space, basement, and garage using insulated tape or molded pipe sleeves. These pipes are most likely to freeze.
- Open cupboard doors at night when temperatures drop below freezing. This allows warm air to circulate around pipes and plumbing.
- Keep the thermostat high enough to prevent pipes from freezing, even if you plan to be away from home for an extended period of time.
- During extreme temperatures, or if you have pipes that have a history of freezing, allow a faucet to drip. The faucet farthest from the street should be the one left open and the stream should be no larger than the size of a spaghetti noodle. If it stops dripping, this means it has frozen. Leave the faucet open until thawed to relieve pressure on the lines.
- To thaw frozen pipes, try a blow dryer, space heater, or towel soaked in hot water. Do not use an open flame or boiling water!
- Locate the main water shutoff valve in your home so you can turn it off in case of a line break or other emergency. Ensure the valve is operable and moves easily.

Check for Leaks

You are encouraged to check for sources of water leaks such as toilets, evaporative coolers, faucets, spigots, and irrigation systems. Even a small drip can add up to a large waste of water. A 0.1 gallon per minute (GPM) drip equates to 1 gallon every 10 minutes, or 144 gallons a day.



Water Efficient Landscaping

Use the winter months to make plans for your landscape. Water efficient landscaping, xeriscaping, is a great way to lower your water use while maintaining curb appeal. For ideas and examples, visit:

OgdenWater.com/Landscape



Water Conservation Resources

OGDEN CITY WATER UTILITY

www.OgdenWater.com/conservation

UTAH SLOW THE FLOW

www.SlowTheFlow.org

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

Extension.usu.edu

WEBER BASIN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

www.WeberBasin.com

EPA WATER SENSE

www.epa.gov/watersense