Here We Go Again,
It's time to get ready!



1. Make sure all outside faucets are disconnected and drained. Drain & put all your hoses inside your shed.

2. Check all water lines, both inside & under your home for leaks. Check the insulation on the supply line with your hands to make sure it is not damp!

3. Make sure your heat tape is plugged in & operating properly. Make sure insulation covers the entire water line, and is wrapped well around all valves.

3. Make sure that the material covering the insulation (underbelly) in your Floors, is attached properly and there are no holes that drafts may go through.

5. Check all skirting, remove any vent screens. When the temperature drops to -0°, and the winds starts to blow, you could easily have a freeze-up!

6. Clean all leaves & Pine Needles off your roof and out of the eaves trough. They can cause the water to back up under the eaves.

7. Check all filters, furnace, air cleaners, smoke & C.O. detectors. Don't forget the batteries in the alarms.

8. On cold days & nights, leave all cabinet doors ajar so that warm air may circulate around pipes, etc..

9. Leave inside storm windows open approximately 1/2" to prevent condensation on the glass.

10. Always leave closet doors ajar a couple of inches to allow air to circulate.

11. Store all lawn furniture and lawn care equipment inside.

12. If you know where the water shut-off is located in your yard, put a stake next to it so it can be found under the snow. It is a good idea to put a small mark on your skirting where the heat tape and water shut off is located.

13. Keep the snow cleared away from your back steps, even if you do not use them.

You never know, it might be the only way out!

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