

What to do regarding Housing Maintenance in cold weather

HEATING

Keep your central heating **turned on** as much as possible and keep your home warm at all times. If your water supply fails you can still keep your heating on if you have a **gas or oil appliance**. The EXCEPTION is **SOLID FUEL APPLIANCES** - **turn off your heat if you use solid fuel appliances and have frozen pipes i.e. no water in the house**

WATER SUPPLY/FROZEN PIPES

If you have had frozen pipes in the past then there is a good chance that this will happen again. **Please stock up with fresh drinking water (water from cold water kitchen tap)** in basins/buckets or any household containers and store in an area where the water will not freeze.

If you have no water supply, the pipes outside may have frozen. There is nothing that can be done by the Council until there is a thaw.

If you vacate the house please ensure that stop-cock under the kitchen sink is turned off and all taps are turned off. This will help prevent frost/water damage and leaks on your return.

ELDERLY

If you have any elderly neighbours or know of anyone living alone please call to see if they are o.k. Don't assume that someone else will do it.