

Village Of Lawrence

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Village of Lawrence policy regarding water and or sewer interruptions due to inclement winter temperatures

- ✓ The resident should be conscious of any change in their water service
 - Ø This would include but not necessarily be limited to:
 - § Any change in color
 - § Any change in volume or pressure
 - § Any unusual odor or smell
 - § Foreign matter or debris in the water
 - § A complete lack of water at the tap
 - Ø Should the resident experience any of the above they should do the following:
 - § Realize that these symptoms are indicators that pipes may be close to or have already frozen
 - § Check to see if all faucets and taps in the home are effected in the same manner
 - If not, the problem is most likely within the home
 - § Contact their adjacent neighbors to determine if they are experiencing similar symptoms
 - § Contact the Village Hall or the DPW and advise them of the situation in the effected home and what was learned from the neighbors
 - § The resident, **at their own discretion**, may wish to run water in an attempt to reduce the possibility of freezing
 - There is no guarantee that a dripping pipe will prevent freezing, but it will help prevent your pipe bursting
 - It's not that a small flow of water prevents freezing; this helps, but water can freeze even with a slow flow

- ✓ The Village of Lawrence and the DPW have limited resources for dealing with water service interruptions due to freezing
 - Ø That being said, the DPW staff will concentrate their efforts in maintaining the infrastructure as a whole
 - Ø It is important to remember that this infrastructure, which includes 2 water towers, many fire hydrants, deep fresh water wells, water main piping, etc., is owned by the residents of the Village and proper maintenance helps **reduce everyone's costs** should a major incident occur

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§ Service interruptions caused by freezing between where the residents water connects to the Village main and the residence dwelling will be the home owners responsibility

- There are a number of water service lines in the Village that are not buried deep enough to prevent freezing in periods of extended extreme cold temperatures
- The Village and DPW staff will offer what assistance that may be available to aid in restoring service

✓ Should a resident wish to temporarily restore their service by connecting a hose to an obliging neighbor the following must be adhered to

- Ø Both residents involved MUST register at the Village office prior to connecting a hose
- Ø Either or both residents involved MUST advise the Village when this cross connection is terminated
- Ø Only an RV type hose certified for potable water may be used
- Ø Nuisance leaks must be avoided (e.g. excessive icing of sidewalks and or roads, etc.)
- Ø The resulting water bill for the home supplying water will be the supplying homeowners responsibility

§ Any arrangement with regard to the resulting water bill is between the two residents involved

§ The Village will not administrate any billing agreement or arrangement

- Ø The Village will inspect the installation and may at its discretion terminate the connection
- Ø Failure to comply with the guidelines associated with this type of cross connection may result in a fine of \$100.00
- Ø Note: Not all outside faucets are capable of reverse flow

✓ The Village of Lawrence may issue a Village wide request to run your water

- Ø Such a request is NOT obligatory and any resident may choose not to run their water
- Ø Should a consumer chose to run water the Village will issue a 15% credit on water and sewer used during the request period

§ Credits will be issued on water usage over 3000 gallons per month

§ There will be no limit as to how much water the resident wishes to run

§ Due to certain conditions water meters may be estimated

§ The discount will be calculated as soon as an actual read and billing cycle is possible

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- ✓ A dripping faucet wastes some water, so only pipes vulnerable to freezing (ones that run through an unheated or unprotected space) should be left with the water flowing. The drip can be very slight. Even the slowest drip at normal pressure will provide pressure relief when needed. Where both hot and cold lines serve a spigot, make sure each one contributes to the drip, since both are subjected to freezing. If the dripping stops, leave the faucet(s) open, since a pipe may have frozen and will still need pressure relief.
- Ø Of course, don't let the water just drip down the drain -- rig up some sort of collection device -- in the tub if you have one. That water can be used in your toilet, your coffee maker, etc., and help minimize any cost.

In the case of the Village of Lawrence:

As of 06-10-2014

Water /1000 gal	Sewer / 1000 gal		Water & Sewer / 1000 gal
\$4.32	\$4.77	$4.32+4.77=9.09$	\$9.09
Water / 1 gal	Sewer / 1 gal		Water & Sewer/1 gal
\$0.00432	\$0.00477	$9.09 \div 1000=0.00909$	\$0.00909 \approx (\$0.01)

OR

Almost 1¢ per gallon

(Rate x 15% discount = reduction)

$$\$9.09 \times .15 = 1.36$$

$$9.09 - 1.36 = 7.73$$

\$7.73 per 1000 gallons at discounted rate

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