## WINTER WARMER SHOPPING LIST

There are some simple supplies you'll need to prevent your system from freezing - whether that's pipes, tanks or outside taps.

Warm jackets: British Standard tank jackets cover a wide range of tank sizes.

**Pipe lagging:** this comes in 1 metre lengths and is ready-cut down the centre. Choose the right diameter for your pipes.

**Strong tape:** sturdy cloth tape or insulation tape will help cover the joins.

**Tape measure:** to check how much insulation you'll need to buy.

**Sharp scissors:** to trim off the excess lagging and help make the joins neat.

**Wrap the tap:** your outside tap can be protected with a tap jacket.

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# WRAP UP OUTSIDE

TO BURSTS ON THE INSIDE,

SO BE SURE TO WRAP UP WARM

# KEEP YOUR PIPES COSY

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## DRAIN OUTDOOR TAPS

Turn off the valve and drain the pipes to prevent damage. Wrap your tap with an outdoor tap jacket.

## DON'T FORGET YOUR OUTBUILDINGS

Check the insulation and isolate water supplies to outside toilets, detached garages and outbuildings.
Consider turning off the valve and draining too.

## WATCH THE WATER METER

If it's fitted to the outside of your house, check that the pipes leading to and from it are insulated and there are no gaps. Also, insulate the meter cupboard and keep the door firmly shut.





# THE WINTER WEATHER IS HERE. IT'S THE PERFECT TIME TO \* WRAP UP WARM AND START SAVING WATER FOR SUMMER.

Frozen pipes cause bursts and leaks, which waste 1,000s of litres of fresh drinking water. And they can cost you 1,000s of pounds to clean up.

Fortunately, there are some simple precautions you can take to keep your pipes and tanks cosy through the colder months. And they're a lot cheaper than an emergency plumber!



## REMEMBER!

If you have a burst or a leak, a plumber is the best person to call. Find your stop tap, turn it off and then phone your plumber. Take a look on **watersafe.org.uk** or **anglianwater.co.uk/approved-plumbers** to find one near you and make a note of their number here.

# STAY WARM INSIDE

HERE ARE OUR TOP TIPS FOR INSIDE YOUR HOME THIS WINTER

#### LEAVE HEATING ON LOW

When you're out of the house, it's more economical than switching off and stops your pipes freezing.

## FIX THOSE DRIPS

It'll drop 3 litres a day of your water use and prevent a trickle freezing your whole system.

#### LET THE WARM AIR FLOW

STOP THE DRAUGHTS
Cold air
from outside

freezes pipes

inside, so

cover those

gaps in doors

and windows.

In extreme conditions it may be necessary to open the loft hatch to help keep pipes and tanks up there from freezing.

In an emergency, call:

## HAVE FUN WITH FOAM

LAGGING YOUR PIPES AND INSULATING YOUR WATER TANK IS A PRETTY SIMPLE JOB.

### FOR PIPES:

- 1. Roughly measure the diameter and length of pipes inside and outside your home.
- 2. Buy lagging and cut to the length required.
- **3.** Slip it over the pipes and join the gaps with masking tape.

### FOR TANKS:

- 1. Check the size and location of your water tanks.
- 2. Visit your local DIY shop and ask for advice on the best buys.
- **3.** Fit the jackets over the tanks and seal with tape and plastic sheeting.
- REMEMBER, tanks in your loft need the heat from below to keep them warm, so don't insulate the base.

Check out our shopping list on the reverse of this page to help you get started.