

## Having Trouble with Your Water Meter and Pipes Freezing?

When water meters and pipes are exposed and sit above the ground the water held inside is susceptible to freezing when the temperatures drop to below zero. This can result in your property having no water and due to the water expanding when it freezes it can cause the meter or pipe to burst or split.

If your meter or pipes have the tendency to freeze it is best to let them thaw out naturally, however if water is needed luke warm water is ok to use. Pouring hot or boiling water over them will add to the chance of the bursting or splitting.



## Preventing Your Water Meter and Pipes Freezing

Covering your water meter with a cover that traps air around it will help prevent it freezing.



Examples of covers are; an upturned bucket or tub, a cardboard box, or an old tyre.

Purpose made covers like the helmet or suitcase cover can be purchased from your local plumbing supply outlet.



No matter which method you use it must be easily removed for meter reading and maintenance.

Hessian bags or *Armaflex* can be used to insulate exposed pipes to help prevent them from freezing. Check pipes to ensure there are no leaks and wrap the pipes firmly.

