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**Dear Friend,**

Each month, BOWA Home Advisor provides you with important tips on how to improve and protect your home's value. We hope the following is helpful.



### **Are your pipes ready for winter?**

When water freezes in a copper pipe, the ice wins and the copper loses. It is essential therefore to get the water out of pipes in areas where freezing could occur.

To help protect your pipes this winter, follow these quick steps:

- First, inside the house, shut off the water coming into the hose bib line.
- Next, outside the house, take three steps: 1 ) open the hose bib, 2) disconnect the hose, and 3) remove or open the backflow prevention device.
- Next, open the drain device at the shut off in the house.
- Lastly, leave everything open. Sometimes it takes a while for the water to drain, and since there is no reason to close anything until the spring, it is safest to leave it all open.

As there are a number of different styles of valves, backflow devices, and so on, please feel free to ask us for help with this important preventative measure.

If you would like more information on this topic or if there are other ways we can be of service, please contact [BOWA Builders](#).

Regards.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathy'.

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