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# QUAIL VALLEY WATER DISTRICT *NEWS*

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## WINTER WEATHER

With our first snow and well below freezing temperatures forecast for this weekend, the District reminds everyone to check your water pipe insulation to prevent frozen and broken pipes. Exposed pipes are very vulnerable to freeze damage as are any pipes located in un-heated areas. Pipes that have little or no water movement are the most likely to freeze, even if the pipe is inside. Water lines to a washing machine on an enclosed porch are often overlooked but very vulnerable as are lines to a hot water heater in an un-insulated enclosure.

While the District does have a water leak adjustment policy to reduce water charges in the event you experience a water leak, you are still responsible for the balance of the charges which can be significant if the leak goes undetected for an extended time period. This can be especially true of a property which may be vacant during winter months. While vacant, water movement in the pipes does not occur and if the house is left unheated or there is a heating system failure, a pipe can freeze and when temperatures return to above freezing, will thaw and leak which can also result in severe water damage to the house in addition to a very high water bill. Outdoor pipes at a vacant property can also be damaged and can leak for an extended period of time, also causing a significant water bill. For these reasons, it is highly recommended that water be turned off to vacant properties during winter months.



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## LOCAL NEWS

For those long winter evenings and cold mornings when you need something other than the “boob-tube” to fill your time, Rita Phillips has established a FREE book exchange. The Little House of Book’s Exchange is located on Sand Canyon just a little north of the Water District office. Books and magazines can be picked up and dropped off at this location at no cost.

Several instances of tagging have occurred recently in the Sand Canyon area. Please remain vigilant and remember, see something, say something! Please report tagging to Kern County Sheriffs Office.