

PREPARE YOUR CONDOMINIUM FOR SEVERE WINTER WEATHER

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When residents of your condominium complex vacate for the winter months, it's important that they take necessary steps to winterize their unit to protect against severe weather. These precautions not only help to protect their unit from damage, but also help protect their neighbors and the complex itself against risks that multiply when many units are vacant at one time.

Below are a few simple steps you can use to remind residents to take before they fly south for the winter.

PREPARE UNIT TO PREVENT PIPES FROM FREEZING

Frozen pipes are one of the biggest causes of property damage. In fact, a burst pipe can result in more than \$5,000 in water damage, according to Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IIBHS) research. There are a number of small steps that you can perform to prevent pipes from freezing.

It's wise to leave the heat on during winter months and turn the water heater setting to "low" but not "off" — which is far less expensive than water damage caused by a burst

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