



# Protect your Apartment Home during a **FREEZE**

When temperatures are forecast to be below 32 ° F, water pipes can freeze, burst, and cause a great deal of damage. Help protect your apartment home by taking these steps during a freeze:

- 1) Let your faucets drip!** Run both hot and cold water in a very fine stream in each of your apartment's faucets: kitchen sink, bathroom sinks, bath tubs, showers, etc.
- 2) Open your cupboards!** Leave the cabinet doors under all sinks open so that the pipes will be ventilated with warm air. Leaving the bathroom and kitchen doors open helps too.
- 3) Heat your home!** If you leave for the day (or an extended period of time) do not turn the heat completely off. Turn it on, set to the lowest setting you wish (60 ° is recommended).
- 4) Be alert!** If you see anything unusual - for example if your water does not come on, or if you see water leaking anywhere in or around your apartment building, notify the leasing office and the maintenance team immediately!

*These precautions are essential in order to avoid the more drastic measure of temporarily cutting off the water to all apartments and draining the lines to prevent damage from bursting pipes.*

## **A note about insurance:**

The casualty insurance on the apartment owner's building does not cover damages to residents' property. A renter's insurance policy can cover unexpected damage from water, fire, windstorm, etc. to your personal belongings.