

**Yosemite Alpine Community Services District  
POB 31, Fish Camp, Ca 93623**

**November 2022 Winterizing Communication**

While climate change is making the weather more unpredictable, the weather service expects temperatures to drop into the low 20's with some suggesting temps dropping to the upper 10's this week. Water pipes can freeze when these conditions occur.

ANYTIME your property is unoccupied, the YACSD Board encourages you to shut off your water main. There's usually at least one customer annually who has an undiscovered leak that causes wasted water, property damage and a higher utility bill. While shutting off your main won't stop a leak from happening, it can help with the discovery of a leak in a more timely fashion. Do remember that the property owner is responsible for pipe maintenance from the point where the pipe exits the meter.

From now until spring time, winterize your house whenever it is vacant. Shut off your water main, drain your house, and pour a non-toxic antifreeze into your sink, tub and shower traps, and toilet bowls and tanks. Guard against fire by shutting off your water heater. Wrap your pipes in foam or electrical heating tape. Some effort every winter will save you future grief and expense.

We suggest carrying chains when traveling to Fish Camp during winter and keeping a shovel staged outside in case you need to clear snow to enter your house. Consider setting your thermostats to keep the house interior above freezing. Have your propane tank topped off before it snows. Vacation rentals must provide off-road parking for 2 vehicles, and all vehicles need to keep parked vehicles off roadways when snow plows are running. Donn Harter, Barry Green and Tim McGinty especially appreciate our cooperation when they're trying to keep the roads passable. Be mindful of these suggestions to make your winter excursions to Fish Camp more enjoyable.

Finally, be aware that bears have been sighted frequently in FC this year. They are looking for food sources in the form of improperly stored and/or disposed of food. The fires may have contributed to habitat and food loss which result in hungrier bears who risk interacting with humans. Ultimately it becomes wildlife who are the losers in these interactions. Follow Mariposa County ordinances and store food in locked, bear containers.

Thank you for attending to these items. Enjoy the mountains!