

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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## **County Water & Sewer Dept. Urges Residents to Protect Pipes in Cold Weather**

Okaloosa County will experience extremely cold temperatures tonight and tomorrow night. The Okaloosa County Water and Sewer Department urges residents to leave one faucet in their home or business running at a bare trickle overnight. Although there are no guarantees, keeping the water running at a trickle keeps the water moving in the service line and may prevent the line from freezing and bursting. Additionally, outdoor pipes can be wrapped in blankets, etc. to keep pipes warmer in cold temperatures. Frozen water services lines sometimes burst and then a plumber must be called for repairs.

The Okaloosa County Water and Sewer Department now takes payments in person, by phone, on line, and monthly statements can be emailed, visit [www.okaloosaws.com](http://www.okaloosaws.com). The 24-hour phone and on line payment service can be accessed by calling 850-651-7171. For after-business-hour emergencies call (850) 651-7174.

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