

Attention

Cold winter weather is here!

Some residences experienced
water service line freezing last year!

Last winter season several residents in the Village of Hampshire experienced water service line freezing outside their homes. When this happens, the condition results in loss of water service which is inconvenient and costly to the home owner.

Water service lines are most susceptible to freezing when the outdoor air temperature is below freezing for more than a few days. Soil type, ground moisture, depth of service line and air temperature all contribute to the frost depth making it difficult to predict which pipes will freeze and when. When the frost approaches the depth of your water service lines you are at risk. It could be as late as May before the frost comes out of the ground.

To help prevent your water line from freezing, it is recommended that you leave a faucet inside your home run at a stream width approximately the size of a pencil.

To learn more about your responsibility in maintaining the water service line to your property go to the Village of Hampshire website at www.hampshireil.org and read the Village's frozen pipe policy.

If you have any questions, please call the Village of Hampshire public works department at 847-683-4044.