

# WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

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In the event of extreme freeze in your area, we wanted to share the following cold weather precautions and procedures to help residents stay safe and warm.

## *Here are some helpful tips:*

### **DO**

- Open cabinets during extended periods of below freezing temperatures so that the warm air can reach pipes along exterior walls.
- Remove all hoses from outside hose bibs.
- Turn on faucets so that they drip; dripping faucets can help prevent freeze ups.
- Notify the leasing office if you are going on vacation for an extended length of time.
- Close all storm windows to prevent drafts.
- Any registers in unused spare rooms should be open in order to keep the room warm and prevent interior water lines from freezing.
- Remember to keep your garage roll up doors closed when not in use to prevent freezing of interior pipes or belongings.
- Make sure heat registers or baseboard heaters are not obstructed.
- Keep your fireplace flue closed when you are not using it.

### **DO NOT**

- Do not turn off your furnace while on vacation or away from your home to maintain a constant temperature above 65 degrees.
- Do not warm up your vehicle inside your garage; this can create high levels of carbon monoxide in your garage and your home.
- Do not use the stove, oven, or grills to heat your home; this can create high levels of carbon monoxide in your home.
- Do not use portable natural/propane gas heaters to heat your home or garage; this can create high levels of carbon monoxide in your home.
- Do not use portable generators inside your home or garage; this can create high levels of carbon monoxide in your home.