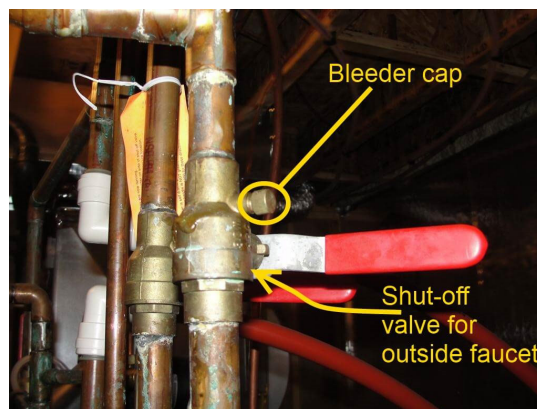




Winterizing Hose Bibs

Winterizing your hose bibs is important to prevent potential freezing of the supply pipes which could expand and split and cause leaks. As seasons of freezing temperatures approach, it is best to prepare in advance. The following steps will help ensure you are prepared:

1. Disconnect all hoses and accessories from your exterior hose bibs.
2. Locate the shut-off valves and turn off the water supply by turning the valve so that the handle is perpendicular to the pipe.
3. On the exterior of your home, open and leave open the valve that you use to turn the water on and off. Only a small stream of water will come out since the inside valve is now closed.
4. Slowly open the bleeder cap located near the interior shut-off valve to drain the remaining water from the pipe that extends to the outside hose bib. Have a bucket on hand to catch the excess water.



5. Once the pipe is completely drained, close the bleeder valve, and then re-close the hose bib valve using the exterior handle.
6. Keep the inside valve closed until exterior temperatures are consistently above freezing.
7. Close the bleeder cap and make sure it is not leaking when the water is turned back on in the spring.