

## How to Winterize your Mountain Home.

Winterization is a method used to remove as much water as possible from the plumbing system in the house, treating the remaining water to prevent damage to water lines, sink traps, fixtures and water heater during the winter months if the heat is off or goes out.

We will want to go the electric panel first to turn off the breaker to the Hot Water Heater (HWH). There are elements in the HWH and we will definitely want the power off to prevent those elements from burning up as we drain the water from the home.

Connect a hose to the HWH and either run the hose outside or to a drain and open valve to begin draining the water. This process will be slow at first as there is a vacuum. Once you open water in sinks and toilets, the water will drain much faster.

Start in the kitchen and turn on the faucet/s. Then proceed to the toilets, flush and drain the tank. Pour generous amounts of Commercial RV Antifreeze (Pink) in the tank and bowl. Pour additional Pink RV antifreeze in the shower traps and bathroom sinks. Repeat this throughout the house.

We also like to take air from air tank and connect to valves in laundry room if accessible to push out any remaining water. Pour Pink RV antifreeze in the washer discharge line.

Go outside and make sure all outside hoses are disconnected from the house and garages.

This is a service we do in-house and we are happy to complete after your last departure for the winter.