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LOW SNOW AND FREEZING TEMPERATURES PREDICTED FOR THE MOTHER LODE PROTECT YOUR WATER SUPPLY

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According to the National Weather Service, the Mother Lode can expect low snow and temperatures to drop into the low 20's by Saturday morning. Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) would like to remind customers to make sure their home and property is ready to withstand the freezing temperatures.

The National Weather Service is predicting low, freezing temperatures from Friday night through Sunday morning. "Taking time now to do some preventative measures can save water, customer's money and inconvenience should their pipes freeze," states Pete Kampa, General Manager for TUD. Kampa urges customers not to keep their faucets running. If faucets are left running it lowers the water supply in the District's water storage tanks.

Here are a few tips:

- Outside faucets, pipes and pipes in unheated garages and crawl spaces are most vulnerable to freezing weather. To prevent pipes from freezing, wrap them with insulating material. Cover them with plastic and secure with tape, string, or wire. Also, remember to disconnect garden hoses.
- Find your main water shut-off valve now! If a pipe breaks, you can stop excessive water loss and flooding by turning off your main water shut-off valve. It is commonly located next to the meter, in the garage, or outdoors by the foundation.
- Store some extra water during freezing weather in case a main break or frozen pipe cuts off your water supply.
- ***Do not keep water running*** to keep pipes from freezing.

For detailed information on what to do if your pipes are frozen or if you have a water emergency, please visit the TUD website at, www.tudwater.com.