

# WATER METER SAFETY TIPS FOR MOBILE HOME OWNERS

The installation of a water meter underneath your mobile home means ***you must take extra caution to ensure your water meter does not freeze during the winter.*** Ensuring that the plumbing underneath your trailer, including your new water meter, is routinely checked can reduce the risk of a frozen water service during the winter.

Look on the back of this letter for some **helpful tips** on how to properly heat tape and insulate your water meter.

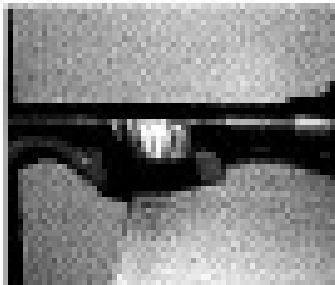
In addition, here are some quick tips for proper maintenance underneath your mobile home:

- **Make sure your heat tape is operational.** The typical lifespan of a heat tape is 3-5 years.
- **Make sure your pipes are well insulated** with manufacturer-approved insulation.
- **Check the skirting.** Loose skirting will expose your pipes to winter winds and increase the risk of frozen pipes. Ensure the skirting is secure, but not so tight that it stops ventilation or vertical movement.

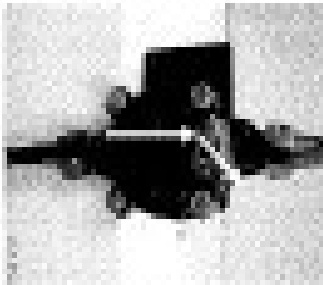
Ensuring that your waterline is winterized is important for the comfort of you and your family this winter. It is also the responsibility of all homeowners to ensure their water meter does not freeze as per Bylaw 593/96 9.11 which reads: ***No person shall allow interference or damage to a meter by frost or otherwise, and that person shall be responsible for any costs relating to the repair of a damaged meter.***

If you have any questions, please contact Eckville Public Works at (403) 396-6931.

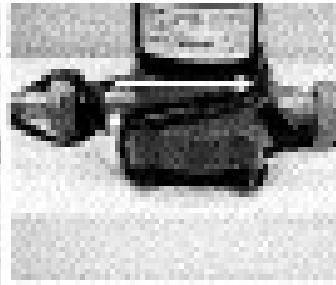
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- Heat tape along all three sides (left, right, and bottom) of the brass meter case



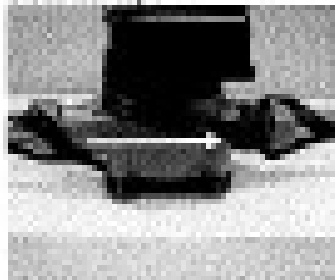
1. Secure the thermostat slightly against the pipe with electrical tape.



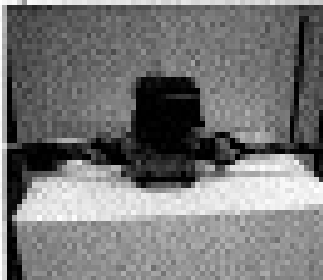
2. Lay the heat tape along the base of the meter, then up and around the side.



3. Lay the heat tape on each side of the brass meter case.



4. Lay the heat tape along the other side of the brass meter case.



5. Secure the heat tape with electrical tape.



6. Wrap the meter and the heat tape together with fiberglass insulation.