

Residential Home Fire Protection Sprinklers

As colder weather is on the way to North Texas, we want to remind you to inspect your fire sprinkler system. Your system should be regularly maintained and inspected to ensure the piping is properly insulated. In order to help prevent broken pipes and the damage that it can create, it is a good rule of thumb to walk your attic at least once per year. If you can see any “orange” pipe, your fire sprinkler pipes are not properly insulated and could break in extreme weather.

If your house contains an anti-freeze system, the anti-freeze solution should be tested annually to ensure proper amounts of anti-freeze are in the fire-sprinkler system.

It is also important for you to know where your shut-off valve is located (all systems have them). This valve allows you to turn off the flow of water to your sprinkler system in case of a malfunction. Please locate your valve now, make sure it is readily accessible, and if there is a lock on the valve, be certain you know where the key is located. We have responded to residences in previous winters where the property owner did not know the location of their shut-off valve or the location of their key for their valve lock. Not knowing about these items prevented the residents from turning the water off before our arrival. Additionally, make sure more than just one person knows where the shut-off valve is located and how it works. In an emergency, you never know who will be at home.

If you have any questions about your fire sprinkler system, please contact our Fire Marshal Jeff Bell at 972-886-4238.

Have a safe holiday season!

Dick Price
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