

The Village Voice

The Village of Ada will be running informational articles about Village policies and services currently offered. These articles will be for informational purposes only, and further details and the complete Codified Ordinances may be found on the Village website, www.adaohio.org, or by calling the Village Water Office at 419-634-4045.

Leaving for the Holidays? Make some winter plans

Many people may leave their homes over the holidays for more than a day or two in order to spend time with loved ones in other cities and states. Prevent returning home to a water situation by remembering a few key points:

- 1) Do not turn the heat completely off! Many people think they will save money by turning their heat off prior to leaving for an extended period of time in the winter. However, water pipes inside the residence may then freeze and break, leaving residents with a rough start to the new year.
- 2) When the weather starts dipping below freezing, leave a small amount of water dripping from your faucets. Remember to do this step if your residence has a history of breaks in the water lines. Allowing a large amount of water to drip is not necessary; often, a drip the size of a pencil lead is sufficient.

No matter where we are, most of us prefer to get into a vehicle that is warm and toasty inside when the mornings are freezing outside. However, a note of safety: do not leave your unlocked car running with the keys in it! Leaving the car running with keys in it makes it an easy target for thieves. Not everyone has automatic starters; perhaps consider having a second set of keys made if you leave your car running.