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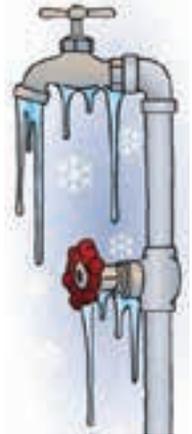
# WAUSAU WATERWORKS

FOR YOU!

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### Outdoor Tips

- Drain excess water from sprinkler systems
- Disconnect garden hoses from outside faucets allowing them to drain.
- Insulate outdoor faucets with foam covers



### Indoor Tips



- Make sure any pipes that are at risk for freezing are well insulated.
- Keep doors and windows in your basement closed.
- Basements should be heated to 50 degrees F.
- Leave cabinet doors open under sinks that are located on exterior walls.
- Finished basements should allow for air flow around meter, especially if meters are encased behind a wall.
- Space heaters may keep living areas warm, but they prevent the furnace from running allowing basement temperatures to drop and cause water pipes to freeze.

If pipes do freeze make sure you **NEVER** thaw them with an open flame!

- Turn off your main water supply
- Use a hair dryer or heat tape to thaw pipes.
- Turn on the main water supply and inspect for leaks

If cracks or leaks are found turn off main water supply and contact a plumber.



## STOP THE SCAMMERS

There have been reports in other communities of residents being contacted by people posing as water department employees to obtain personal information or gain access to their homes. Please be aware that all Wausau Water Works employees will arrive in vehicles marked with our logo and carry an employee I.D. If a person contacts you that you believe is suspicious, try to get a description of the vehicle or individual and report the incident immediately to the Wausau Police Department.

### What is a Cross-Connection?

A cross-connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and a source of contamination or pollution. State plumbing codes require approved backflow prevention methods to be installed at every point of potable water connection and use. Cross-Connections must be properly protected or eliminated.

### How does contamination occur?

When you turn on your faucet, you expect the water to be as safe as when it left the treatment plant. However, certain hydraulic conditions left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to contaminate your own drinking water or even the public water supply.

Water normally flows in one direction. However, under certain conditions, water can actually flow backwards; this is known as Backflow. There are two situations that can cause water to flow backward: back siphonage and backpressure.

### Backsiphonage

May occur due to a loss of pressure in the municipal water system during a fire fighting emergency, a water main break or system repair. This creates a siphon in your plumbing system which can draw water out of a sink or bucket and back into your water or the public water system.

### Backpressure

May be created when a source of pressure (such as a boiler) creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied from the public water system. This may cause contaminated water to be pushed into your plumbing system through an unprotected cross-connection.

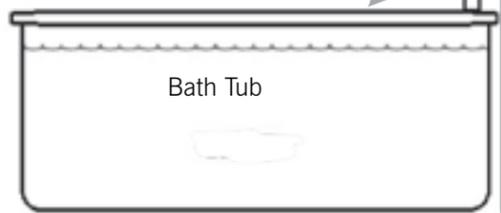
### In the Bathroom - Hand Held Shower Fixture

The hand held shower fixture is compliant if:

- When shower head is hanging freely, it is at least 1" above top of the flood level rim of the receptor (tub)
- Complies with **ASSE#1014**
- Has the **ASME code 112.18.1** stamped on the handle



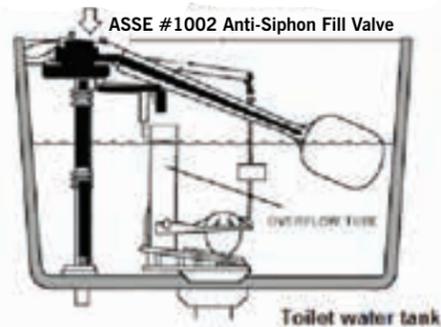
1" Minimum AIR GAP Above Tub From Fixture Outlet



### In the Bathroom - Toilet Tanks

There are many unapproved toilet tank fill valve products sold at common retailers which do not meet the state plumbing code requirements for backflow prevention.

- Look for the **ASSE #1002** Standard symbol on the device and packaging.
- Replace any unapproved devices with an **ASSE #1002** approved anti-siphon fill valve device. Average cost is typically \$12 to \$22 at home improvement stores.
- Verify overflow tube is one inch below critical level (CL) marking on the device.



### Insights to protect your drinking water

#### Do...

- Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants.
- Make sure dishwashers are installed with a proper "air gap" device.
- Verify and install a simple hose bibb vacuum breaker on all threaded faucets around your home.
- Make sure water treatment devices such as water softeners have the proper "air gap", which is a minimum of one inch above any drain.

#### Hose bibb Vacuum Breaker



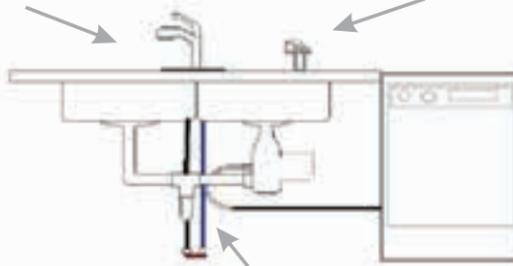
#### Don't...

- Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks or ponds.
- Use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device.
- Connect waste pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems directly to the sewer or submerged drain pipe. Always be sure there is a one inch "air gap" separation.

#### Air Gap



### In the Kitchen



Hoses and water treatment devices may create a potential backflow hazard if not properly isolated with backflow prevention methods.

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## Adopt a Hydrant

As winter comes and drops that snowy blanket on everything, it's important to remember your neighborhood fire hydrant as you're shoveling or snow blowing. Remember, keeping hydrants free of snow and accessible to fire fighters could mean saving your property or your neighbors and could mean the difference between life and death.



## Please Help Us

Cold winter temperatures bring water main breaks! We are asking for your help in spotting water main breaks. If you see any running water any time of day, please call Wausau WaterWorks, at 715-621-6530 to let us know. Reporting main breaks when you see them helps us keep repair costs down and limit property damage.



## Winter Recreation Programs 2019

### Adult Evening Water Exercise

Jan. 2-Feb 6, 2019 • Feb 11-March 20, 2019  
6:30 -7:30 pm, John Muir Pool  
Mon /Wed nights. Fee: \$45 Wausau residents, \$57 non-res. Space limited, pre-registration required. No children or drop-ins allowed.

### Sylvan Hill Snow Tubing

Dec 15 through March 03 (weather permitting)  
Fri. 6-9:30pm, Sat. 1:30-5 or 6-9:30pm, Sun 1:30-5pm.  
Must be 42 inches tall to ride. One rider per tube. Fee: \$7.00-13 & under (min. 42 inches tall); \$9.50 14 & older. Hill available to rent for private parties. Call 715-261-1550 for details.

### Sledding Hills in Wausau

Open when snow cover permits.  
Hours: sunrise to 11pm Fee: FREE!  
Locations: Pleasant View-1221 Sumner St (lights)  
"3M" Park-405 Park Blvd (lights)  
Riverside Park-100 Sherman St

### Indoor Ice skating (w/skate rentals)

Dates: Thru-Mar 8, Mon-Fri 11am - 1pm.  
Thru Feb 20, Wed. 7-9pm, Sun. 2-5pm.  
Call 715-261-1550 for Holiday hours.  
Hours subject to change due to special events and/or scheduling conflicts. Fees: Youth (17 & under) \$2, Adult \$3. Youth Bonus Card (10 sessions) \$15. Adult Bonus Card \$25. Skate rental \$3.

### Outdoor Ice Skating

The outdoor ice skating season begins as soon as conditions allow them to be built and runs through Feb 17, 2019. Rinks will be built on the 400 Block and at the southeast side of the Grandstand in Marathon Park. Warming houses can be found at 400 Block and Marathon Park. Hockey boards can be found at Marathon Park. Skating hours for all rinks are Mon-Fri 5 to 8pm, Sat. 10am to 8pm and Sun. 10am to 6pm.

### Cross-Country Skiing/Snowshoeing

Open when snow conditions permit. 9-Mile County Forest Recreation Area w/groomed & signed trails, ski & snowshoe rentals, a chalet & 3.7 miles of trail with lights for night skiing. Season or daily pass required, Call for rates, hours and conditions 715-261-1550. Sylvan Hill w/groomed trails. Park Shelter w/restrooms & snack bar available when tubing hill is open. Donation requested.

### Wausau Outdoor Pools Pass Sale

Purchase your Wausau Outdoor Pool Pass from Dec 1 to Jan 5, save 15%, Jan 6 to April 15, 2019 and save 10% over the cost of your family, adult or youth pool pass. All neighborhood water parks will open on or about June 7, 2019 at 1 PM (Starting date may be affected by "Snow Days" and the final school day for Wausau students).

**Winter Special Events Happening in the Parks**  
Midwest Freeze Outdoor  
4 X 4 Pond Hockey  
<http://classicpondhockey.com/>

**Wausau Nordic Ski Club Calendar**  
<http://www.wausaunordic.com/calendar.htm>

**Wausau Events Winter Fest**  
<http://www.wausauevents.org/events/winter-fest/>



## MCDEVCO's Winter 2019 Programing

Winter – snow, cold, and frozen lakes. If you find yourself stuck inside and looking for some unique educational opportunities for entrepreneurs and small business owners, join us at MCDEVCO. Our no charge workshops and programs will re-energize you and start your new year off right!

### Entrepreneurs programs that teach skills for long-term success:

#### January 24, 2019 – 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Nuances of Networking. Amy Plier (Wausau Container) will guide you through how to have a successful networking experience.

#### January 29, 2019 – 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lunch & Learn - Retirement Planning Strategies for Small Business Owners. Zach Kyhos (Buska Wealth Management, LLC) will talk about strategies and retirement plan options for entrepreneurs.

#### February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2019 – 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Hmong Lean Business Workshop. Amy Plier (Wausau Container) and Yeng Yee Lor (Faithful Consulting) will teach these important workshop skills in Hmong.

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#### March 14, 2019 – 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Business Startups - Are You Ready to be an Entrepreneur?

Jeny Nieuwenhuis (REI Engineering) will explain business startups, and what you need to know if it is your time to be an entrepreneur!

All programs unless noted are held at MCDEVCO. To get up-to-date information on our programs or to pre-register for a program email us at [info@mcdevco.org](mailto:info@mcdevco.org), or call us at 715.298.0084.

*We hope to see YOU at one of our programs!*

Investing in Business  
and Community

### GAP Financing at MCDEVCO = SUCCESS!

MCDEVCO provides GAP financing for:

- New small businesses and/or expanding small-to-midsize businesses.
- Larger projects that support significant community/economic development.
- Projects that create and retain jobs.

GAP financing can be used to:

- Purchasing Land and/or Building(s)
- Equipment
- Purchasing an Existing Business
- Working Capital
- Agriculture - New equipment and/or new technology

Up to 20% GAP financing of the total package when we collaborate with a Marathon County Financial Institution. Funds available for ALL of Wausau and Marathon County! Call us at MCDEVCO to find out more!

## Street Department News

### Sand Barrels

To help property owners keep their sidewalks safe during the winter, the Department of Public Works has over 100 sand barrels placed throughout the city. The barrels are filled with a sand and salt mixture that is effective for helping to melt icy spots as well as adding grit to slippery sidewalks. If you notice that a sand barrel is getting low in your area please contact DPW at 715-261-6790 and let them know the location so it can get refilled. A map of sand barrel locations can be found on The City of Wausau website here: [http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/Streets/Documents/Sand\\_Barrel\\_Locations\\_11x17L.pdf](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/Streets/Documents/Sand_Barrel_Locations_11x17L.pdf) Sand is also available by stopping in the office at the Department of Public Works, 400 Myron Street, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Snow Emergencies

When substantial amounts of snow are predicted or have fallen in a short period of time it may be necessary for the Department of Public Works to declare a snow emergency. The purpose of a snow emergency is to minimize the number of vehicles parked on the streets so the snow plow operators can effectively and safely clear the streets of snow. Parking on City streets during snow emergencies will result in issuance of a parking citation with a fine of \$100 and/or the vehicle being towed. When declared, the City will publish the snow emergency using various local media outlets and an announcement will be placed on the City website and Facebook pages.

## Riverview Terrace Assisted Living

Riverview Terrace Assisted Living is a 36-unit Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC) located on Thomas Street in the heart of Wausau. The RCAC facility is licensed to provide residents up to 28 hours per week of supportive, personal and nursing services. Each spacious apartment has a bedroom, living room, kitchen and bathroom with a walk-in shower. All of these areas are equipped with emergency pull-cords as well as a 24 hour Lifeline service. Riverview Terrace is surrounded by beautiful scenery that offers residents a quiet tranquil place to live.

Residents must be 62 years of age or older, and qualify under applicable income limits. Riverview Terrace offers a subsidized rent and a flat monthly service fee for those in need of daily living assistance. Resident Carol Nass commented, "The people are so nice and friendly and we have a lot of activities."

This facility is owned and operated by the Wausau Community Development Authority (WCDA) and, as part of the organization's mission; we provide affordable housing with a suitable living environment free from discrimination. Nancy Christianson, resident, says "Our wonderful care coordinator and her staff are very kind and always ready to assist us in any way they can."

Come visit and see what Riverview Terrace has to offer. If you are seeking assisted living care for yourself or a loved one, please schedule a tour and find out what we are all about. Staff can be reached at 715-261-6687 or you may visit us on the web at [www.riverviewterracewi.com](http://www.riverviewterracewi.com).