

6 Tips to Prevent Water Leaks

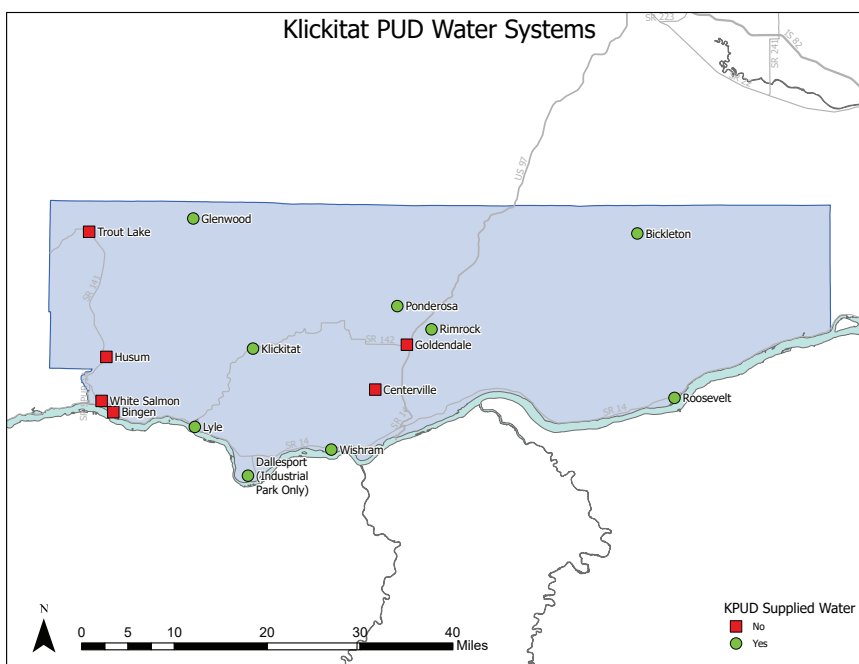
Below-freezing temperatures can damage pipes inside or outside your home, causing them to leak. This happens as water freezes and expands the pipes. Use these six tips to avoid indoor flooding and other dangers.

- Know where your water meter box is so crews can find it, even if it is buried under snow.
- Mark the meter box location and keep it clear of dirt, rocks, grass, weeds, garbage and vehicles so it's easy to find and quickly accessible.
- Have a plumber install a shut-off valve on your side of the meter for emergencies.
- Locate the shut-off valve of your residential water supply as it enters the home. Familiarize yourself with how

these valves function. Having the handle positioned in line with the pipe indicates water is flowing. The handle set across the pipe means the valve is closed, stopping the water flow.

- Meet with a neighbor and learn the location of these valves at their home so you can lean on each other in times of crisis.
- Know your water provider's contact number for the quickest response. See the map below for Klickitat PUD-owned or operated water systems.

To contact KPUD for emergency water shut off, call 509-773-5819. During non-business hours, the call will be forwarded to our answering service, CRC, to dispatch an operator. ■



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