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Keep your home prepared for cold weather conditions

(Kahnawake – 13, Tsothohrkó:wa/January 2016) The Public Works Unit of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke would like to remind homeowners to properly prepare their homes to avoid damages caused by the extreme cold weather conditions around this time of year.

For mobile and older homes with a crawl space; seal up cracks and crevices in the foundation and close up any cellar/crawl space windows. Install foam sleeves around water lines with heat tape and make sure it is plugged in and functioning properly. Ensure that the skirt under the mobile home is properly closed up.

If you haven't already shut off the water supply to your outside taps, turn them off and leave the outside valve open to drain out any water to prevent damage from freezing. If you have previously experienced any problems with frozen pipes after extreme cold weather, it is recommended that you leave a cold water tap trickling when the temperature drops to extreme lows.

For further information on preparing for the winter, visit the Emergency Preparedness page at <u>www.kahnawake.com/org/cpu/beprepared</u>.