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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Prepare your home for winter

(Kahnawake – 25, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2014) The Public Works Department and Community Protection Unit of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke would like to remind homeowners to properly prepare their homes to avoid damages caused by the cold weather.

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.

For all homeowners, shut off the water supply to your outside taps and leave the outside valve open to drain out any water to prevent damage from freezing. Be sure to drain and store all garden hoses before they become frozen solid. If you have previously experienced any problems with frozen pipes after extreme cold, 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</u>.

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