Monthly Educational.

HOSE BIBS

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» WHAT ARE THEY ANYWAY?

The hose bib is a faucet that is outside and on the side of your home. Normally a home has several of these. This allows you to obtain water outdoors. People use this for a variety of reasons:

- Watering plants
- · Cleaning up before coming inside the home
- Filling a swimming pool
- Giving a well-earned drink of water for your dog
- Washing your car

» HOW DOES WATER GET TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE HOUSE?

The hose bib is connected to the plumbing system in your home which runs from the main supply to the hose bib. Some homes have a separate valve inside the house to help prevent pipes from freezing. In cold months pipes can freeze causing cracked pipes, and the damage can spread beyond the valve causing the main flow of water to flow inside your home instead of outside.

» HOW DO YOU DRAIN A HOSE BIB?

- Find your shut-off valve. Your hose bib's shut-off valve will be inside your home, possibly in the basement, crawl space, or utility room.
- Turn off the indoor valve(s). Keep in mind that if you have more than one hose bib, each will have its own corresponding shut-off valve to close.
- Disconnect your hoses. You will need to disconnect your hoses from your hose bib be sure to drain them before putting them into storage.

» WHAT ARE OTHER NAMES FOR HOSE BIB?

- Spigot
- Hose Faucet
- Hose Valve
- Outdoor Tap



Hose bibs require maintenance and proper upkeep. In the springtime, we receive many calls of flooded basements caused by a poor understanding of the importance of what a hose bib is and its maintenance. **ASK US FOR A WATER TAG!** This handy tag is great to put on all faucets and valves so anyone accessing them has the correct information to call in case of emergencies.

