

Precautionary Steps

Prevent freeze what can you do to help prevent a freeze up?

Q-7 **Is your Sprinkler System ready for the winter?** Proper maintenance now can help you avoid inconvenient and potentially costly freeze-ups once the mercury drops. As ice expands, it will break a fitting or valve and allow air to escape, thereby filling your system and causing a full fire alarm.

Steps to take to prevent a freeze up:

- Maintain heat in dry pipe valve rooms, fire pump rooms and all areas protected by wet pipe sprinkler systems, at a minimum of 40°F.
- Heaters should be thermostatically controlled. Use of portable heaters is discouraged.
- Drain all low point drains weekly during freezing weather. Have additional drains installed if necessary.
- Have air leaks repaired to keep system from tripping if compressor power is lost.
- Air supplied to the compressor should come from a dry, room-temperature source. If this is not possible, or moisture build-up is a problem, consider installing an air dryer or using nitrogen instead of air.
- Have the pitch checked on any pipes where the pipe or hangers have been hit, altered, or appear sagging.

Taking precautionary measures now could prevent your system from freezing and pipes from bursting. **If you need assistance, please contact our office at (770)-922-4250 to make arrangements to have your system winterized.**