

CITY OF CALHOUN



2025 PET TAGS DUE: If you own a pet, you must register it annually with the City Clerk. The cost of registration is \$2.50 per animal. Please bring a copy of the pet's current rabies vaccination with you at the time of registration. Remember that all dogs must be kept on the owner's property at all times or restrained by a leash. Dogs are not allowed to run at large. If you fail to register your animal or let your pet run loose, you may receive a summons.

EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT WARMING CENTER: It's winter in Missouri and you never know what the weather might be. With plummeting temps, the Emergency Overnight Warming Center at 209 E. Jefferson Street in Clinton will be open the following nights:

Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5

Anyone without heat at home or needing to get out of the cold is welcome. Cots and bedding will be available for sleeping. A hot meal will be served from 6-8 PM. Snacks, coffee, and other drinks will be available during all operating hours. This is made possible by volunteers from the community. If you're interested in volunteering, please message the First Baptist Church – Clinton, MO page. This service may be offered in the future, dependent on weather, so please check with the First Baptist Church in Clinton.

PROTECT YOUR WATER PIPES FROM FREEZING: Many people welcome the crisp, cold winter weather, but nobody welcomes pipe-related headaches that can come with the dropping temperatures. You can prevent your pipes from freezing or bursting by taking the following steps:

- Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces, attic, and garage. These exposed pipes are most susceptible to freezing. The more insulation you use, the better protected your pipes are. Newspaper can provide some degree of insulation and protection to exposed pipes. Even 1/4" of newspaper can provide significant protection in areas that usually do not have frequent or prolonged temperatures below freezing.
- Wrap pipes with heat tape or thermostatically controlled heat cables. Be sure to follow all manufacturers' installation and operation instructions.
- Seal spots that allow cold air inside, near where pipes are located (i.e. around electrical wiring, dryer vents, and other pipes), with caulk or insulations. When it's extremely cold, a tiny opening can let in enough cold air to cause a pipe to freeze.
- Disconnect garden hoses and, if practical, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.
- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- When temperature or wind chill is below freezing, let your warm and cold water drip from your faucet. Running water through the pipes, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.

- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- If for some reason you take the lid off of your water meter pit, remember to put it back on immediately. Extremely cold temperatures and wind blowing into the pit can make the meter freeze and burst.

HOW TO THAW FROZEN PIPES

- If you turn a faucet on and nothing or only a trickle comes out, suspect a frozen pipe. Likely places for frozen pipes include against exterior walls or where your water service enters your home through the foundation.
- Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt ice in the pipe.
- Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hair dryer, or a portable space heater (kept away from flammable materials). Do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, charcoal stove, or other open flame device.
- Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible, or if you cannot thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber.
- Check all other faucets in your home to find out if you have additional frozen pipes. If one pipe freezes, others may freeze too.

If you have experienced a broken pipe, contact City Hall to let us know, as we can adjust your water bill for a leak.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 1st – New Year’s Day – City Hall Closed
Friday, January 10th – Harvester’s Food Pantry – Approx. 1 p.m. – Colt Show Bldg.
Monday, January 13th – City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – City Hall
Monday, January 20th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – City Hall Closed
Monday, January 27th – Colt Show Meeting – 6 p.m. – Colt Show Bldg.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Man on the phone: “Honey, my boss invited me to go fishing in China for a week. This could be a great chance for me to get a promotion. Could you please pack enough clothes for the week, set out my rod and tackle box? We’re leaving from the office, and I’ll swing by the house to pick up my things. Oh, and please pack my new blue silk pajamas!

The wife, feeling a bit suspicious but wanting to be supportive, did exactly as her husband asked. The following weekend, he returned home looking a little tired, but in good spirits.

As she welcomed him home, she asked, “Did you catch many fish?”

He replied, “Yes, lots of salmon, bluegill, and a few swordfish. But why didn’t you pack my blue silk pajamas?”

The wife replied, “I did, they’re in your tackle box”.

