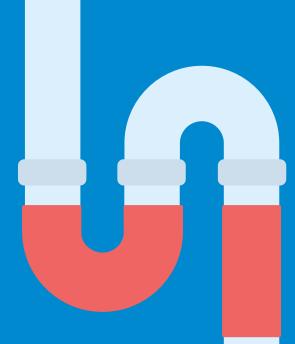
## Protect your pipes this winter

It's been a difficult year but your business, like your home, needs a bit of TLC before the cold weather sets in



By carrying out a few simple steps you can protect your pipes and your water supply, giving you one less thing to worry about

## Before the cold weather arrives



Find and label all your stop taps and valves and regularly check they're working



Protect all exposed pipework, cisterns, tanks, taps and water meters in unheated areas with waterproof foam lagging or insulation



Keep boilers regularly serviced



Read your meter regularly, as a higher than normal meter reading can be the first indication that there may be a leak on the pipe

## If you're closing your premises during winter



Leave the heating on a low or constant setting



If you don't want the heating on, drain all pipework where possible, turn off your stop tap and, if you have a cold-water tank, turn off the stopcock



Repair dripping taps and faulty washers



If possible, arrange for someone to check on the premises regularly

