

# Service bulletin

## Winterizing and freeze prevention



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### Introduction

- ▶ Please note that installation instructions state that the water heater must not be installed in a location where it may be exposed to freezing temperatures. If the heater must be left in a space which is likely to experience freezing temperatures (less than 36° F), all water must be drained from the heater. If precautions are not taken, resulting damage will not be covered under the warranty.
- ▶ NOTE: Use of agents like anti-freeze is not recommended as they may cause damage to the water heater's internal components.

### Tools needed:

- ▶ Bucket
- ▶ Adjustable wrench
- ▶ Air compressor/compressed air

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### Preparation

1. Turn on/off switch on the water heater to the off (O) position and unplug power supply cord. The display should be blank.
2. Shut off gas supply to heater.
3. Shut off the water supply to the water heater using installer supplied shutoff valve.
4. Open hot water taps to drain and relieve pressure from the plumbing system. If water continues to flow after 5 minutes, a plumbing crossover is present and must be corrected before proceeding.
5. Disconnect inlet and outlet water pipes from the water heater. Place a small bucket underneath the water heater to catch residual water remaining inside the water heater. Save washers for future use.
6. Using an air compressor, blow short bursts of air through the inlet water connection until there is no water present coming through the outlet water connection of the heater.
7. Reconnect water fittings and return heater to service when danger of freezing has past.

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