



Avoiding Car Wash Freeze-ups

In 28 years of being in business I have never seen so many equipment room freeze-ups due to the extreme cold temperatures as this year. Many could have been avoided by small investments made when compared to the insurance deductibles incurred.



Damage from freeze-ups to water pipes and fittings that burst are obvious. Internal components damaged on parts may show up long after the freeze-up occurred. Brass parts such as solenoid valves and regulators can warp with extreme temperature change.

This can cause internal components having close tolerances to stick or hang up. Other signs can be distorted valve cages or cracked pistons in high pressure pumps.

This season we have seen water lines freeze and burst on exterior walls inside of heated equipment rooms. Here are some recommendations to consider;

- Consider installing pipe insulation as installation is simple to do. Hardware stores or an insulation supplier usually carries what is needed.
- Do a Google search on Remote Freeze Alarms. These are inexpensive and can notify you when freezing temperatures are present.
- Call a local service provider that specializes in boilers and have your heater or floor heat boiler checked to insure it is operating efficiently, has the proper type of glycol in it, and the mixture is strong enough to keep the floor loops from bursting.
- Consider purchasing a Natural Gas or LP Infrared Millivolt ventless heater for your equipment room that will continue to operate even if there is a power outage. These can provide supplemental heat during extreme cold weather or be used as a back-up heater during a power outage. Call for pricing, but many models cost less than \$1000 and are easy to install.



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