

ARROWHEAD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

HOME SAFETY/REPAIR TIPS



Dryer Exhaust Vent Pipe

The exhaust vent pipe from a dryer removes lint to prevent it from overheating and causing a fire. In houses in Arrowhead the pipe travels up into the attic and should vent to the outside through an outside wall or the roof. It has been found in some houses that the pipe ends in the attic and is not vented to the outside. Check your attic to see if the dryer pipe is properly vented to the outside.



Basement Sewer Pipe

The drain pipes in Arrowhead houses travel down to the basement into a black iron or white plastic sewer pipe that takes liquid waste to the underground sewer system. Occasionally a joint may leak or a pipe may crack. Periodically check your sewer pipe for leaks, water on the floor or an odd or foul smell in the basement. If found it should be addressed immediately.



Chimney Vent Stacks and Caps

In Arrowhead houses have 2 chimney vent stacks that take exhaust gases from the heater and fireplace via the stacks through the roof to the outside. Periodically check the stacks for corrosion (rust), that they are securely attached and the chimney caps are not corroded or missing.



Outdoor Faucet Freeze Protection

In sustained below freezing weather the water in the line leading to your outdoor faucets may freeze causing the water to expand and burst the pipes resulting in water in the basement. To prevent this, homeowners should have frost proof faucets or a shut-off valve inside the house that has a drain port on the side of the valve to drain water out of the pipe between the faucet and the inside valve.







Shutoff valve with drain



Sump Pump Drain Line Freeze Protection

In sustained below freezing weather if there is water in your sump pump drain line between the house and the outdoors it may freeze, expand and burst the pipe resulting in water in your basement. To prevent this, ensure that the pipe is not level, but slopes slightly toward the inside of the house or toward the outside so no water lays in the pipe.