

Cold Weather Preparation for Ritchie Poly Units Checklist



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TK for Swine



Thrifty King

_____ **Check the Riser Tube and ensure that it is free of debris, water and mud.** Anything touching the waterline and the riser tube can cause your waterline to freeze.

_____ **Check or seal the base of the unit along the concrete pad.** With existing installations, check the all weather sealant for holes or gaps and replace sealant if necessary. New installations, apply an all weather sealant along the base of the unit and the concrete pad.

_____ **Fill the water seal groove under the valve chamber cover.** The groove can be filled with either water or vegetable oil. This will help create a seal against the wind and cold. *Thrifty King Units have a secondary groove under the entire red top that must be filled as well.*

_____ **Test the Immersion Heater.** The Immersion heater is intended to be removed during the months where freezing isn't a concern. Before replacing the heater into the unit test the heater by placing it into a bucket of ice water and plug it into the wall. The heater is working if it becomes hot.

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