

# COLD WEATHER Plumbing Tips



- Leave doors open on any cabinets with water pipes in them, during cold weather to keep the space warmer.
- Regularly check all your pipes for cracks or weak points. Fix any damaged areas right away.
- Keep your garage doors closed to trap the heat inside.
- Insulate pipes with heat tape to prevent them from freezing.
- Let a small amount of water drip from both your hot and cold faucets to minimize the risk of the water freezing and the pipe bursting from the pressure of expanding ice.
- Seal all air leaks that may let an icy blast reach your pipes.
- Use caulking or a spray foam to seal exterior cracks and holes around the outside walls and foundation of your house to prevent the cold from contacting the pipes.
- Drain and take in hoses and sprinklers. Consider switching to a frost-free bibb to prevent problems.
- Cover outside faucets with insulated outside faucet covers from your local home improvement or hardware store.
- If you have a crawl space house: Install foam board insulation on outside vent opening
- It is also recommended to keep your home temperature at a minimum of 55 degrees to keep pipes from freezing
- If your pipes do end up freezing, we pray they don't, shut off the water supply, open faucets, use a hair dryer or space heater to warm pipes, turn up the heat in the house. Be very careful with space heaters. Keep at least a 3 foot space around the heater free of any other object. Do NOT use an open flame to warm pipes.

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