

Tips to Prevent Frozen Pipes



As temperatures drop it is important to protect your home from freezing pipes. If water inside of the pipes freezes a pipe can burst, which can be very costly to repair the damage. Here are a few simple tips to protect your home:

-Keep water flowing through the pipes by running a small trickle of water

-Open cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the pipes

-Consider installing heat tape to exposed water lines or add a pipe sleeve



-Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature during the day and night.

-Add insulation to attics, basements, and crawl spaces.

-Identify areas in your home where pipes may be susceptible to freezing such as crawl spaces, attics, basements, garages, and exterior walls.

-Identify the location of the water main shut-off valve in case the pipes do freeze.

-If you are going away during cold weather make sure the thermostat is set to at least fifty five degrees.

- DO NOT try to thaw a pipe with a torch or open flame! This is extremely dangerous.

