

# PROTECT YOUR PIPES



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When temperatures drop, water pipes can be vulnerable to freezing. Use these tips to help you prepare for the weather and prevent costly damage:

- ❖ Seal any gaps in your foundation or walls to prevent drafts around pipes.
- ❖ Add weather-stripping and door sweeps to prevent drafts around doors.
- ❖ Insulate any exposed pipes with foam pipe insulation.
- ❖ Disconnect garden hoses and put insulated covers over outdoor faucets.
- ❖ When traveling, leave heat at 55 degrees or above in your home.
- ❖ During freeze warnings:
  - Leave under-sink cabinets open to allow warm air to circulate around pipes.
  - Let a thin stream of water (pencil tip size) run from the faucet.
- ❖ Make sure everyone in the household knows how to find and use the main water shutoff valve.
- ❖ If you have a pipe freeze, turn off the main water shutoff before attempting to thaw it. Never use an open flame.
- ❖ If the pipe appears damaged in any way, turn off the main water shutoff and call a licensed plumber.