

Frozen Pipe Prevention Checklist

Simple steps to protect your home before and during freezing weather

Before Freezing Temperatures

- Insulate exposed pipes in basements, crawlspaces, and garages
- Install foam pipe sleeves on pipes along exterior walls
- Seal air leaks around pipes with caulk or spray foam
- Disconnect and drain garden hoses
- Cover outdoor faucets with insulated covers
- Locate your main water shutoff valve

During Extreme Cold


- Check for drafts near plumbing areas
- Feel exposed pipes – they should not be ice cold
- Listen for unusual plumbing sounds when turning on water
- Keep interior doors open for better warm air circulation

When a Hard Freeze Is Forecast

- Let faucets on exterior walls drip slowly
- Open cabinet doors under kitchen and bathroom sinks
- Keep garage doors closed if plumbing runs through the garage
- Set thermostat no lower than 55°F
- Make sure heat tape/cables are plugged in and working

If You Suspect a Pipe Is Frozen

- Turn on the faucet connected to the pipe
- Warm the pipe gently with a hair dryer or heating pad
- Start near the faucet and work toward the cold area
- NEVER USE AN OPEN FLAME**
- CALL A PLUMBER** if the pipe won't thaw or has burst

 A Quick Reminder: Moving water and warm air are your best defenses against frozen pipes.