



PREPARATION TIPS

With the possibility of consistent freezing temperatures right around the corner, here's some suggestions to help avoid frozen pipes which can lead to costly bills and repairs:

Tell someone!!

If you'll be away for more than a few days, let a friend or neighbor know to check on your pipes. This is SO IMPORTANT if you want to avoid not only an expensive water bill, but also very costly repairs due to negligence!

Insulate pipes

Wrap pipes in foam rubber or fiberglass sleeves to help keep them closer to the water's temperature. This is especially important for pipes in unheated areas, like attics.

Keep the thermostat up

Set your thermostat to a temperature no lower than 55° F, and keep it the same temperature day and night.

Let faucets drip

When cold weather sets in, let faucets drip in the kitchen, bathroom, laundry room, and any other areas of the home. This keeps water moving through the pipes and prevents them from freezing.

Seal cracks

Seal or caulk any cracks in your home that might let in cold air, especially where pipes run from inside to outside.

Disconnect garden hoses

Before winter, disconnect your garden hoses and drain any water from the lines.

Open cabinets

Open cabinets and vanities to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.

