

# Homeowner Tips



**During the winter months, keep household temps above 55 degrees to protect your pipes.**

- Turn off water to outside faucets, remove hoses and drain the pipes.
- Ask your hardware store about pipe insulation.
- On colder nights open cabinet doors to expose pipes to your home's warmth.
- Let kitchen or bathroom faucets drip slowly to keep water moving.

**If a pipe in your home freezes:**

- Completely open the cold water faucet nearest the frozen pipe. (Relieves pressure and reduces the chance of breakage)
- Use a hand-held dryer if you decide to thaw the pipe yourself.
- If in doubt, call a registered plumber for help.