



# Prevent Frozen Pipes

Avoid damage by being prepared.

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**Cold temperatures** increase the risk that a home's pipes will freeze and potentially burst.

Even a small crack caused by freezing can leak hundreds of gallons of water a day.

Older or poorly insulated pipes are especially susceptible to freezing.

A burst pipe can easily cause thousands of dollars in damage.

Pipes made of any metal can burst. It's the expansion of frozen water in them that causes the damage.

## Before Temperatures Drop

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Shut off and drain any exterior plumbing lines.

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Disconnect and drain garden hoses.

Have a reliable backup power source.

Seal cracks in outside walls and the foundation, and around windows and doors.

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Install water leak detectors near your pipes, or a whole-house system like Flo by Moen. If a leak is detected, this monitoring device will automatically turn off the water to prevent further damage.

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Inspect pipes for leaks or condensation.

Know your insurance coverage and where to find your policies.

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Download the Home Check by Amica™ app to keep these and other preparedness tasks organized.

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Insulate pipes that are vulnerable to freezing.

## When Temperatures Drop

Close doors to unheated spaces.

Keep your thermostat at a reasonable temperature, even when you're away from home.

Keep a slow drop of water flowing through faucets served by exposed pipes.

Open cabinet doors under sinks to let warm air circulate around pipes.

## If a Pipe Freezes (But Doesn't Burst)

Open the faucet.

Melt the ice by either wrapping an electric heating pad around the pipe, heating the area with a hair dryer or heat gun, or covering the pipe with towels soaked in hot water. **Don't use an open flame!**

Continue applying heat until water flows normally. Turn on the faucets to check for other frozen pipes.

Call a plumber if you're unable to thaw frozen pipes on your own.

## If a Pipe Bursts

Contact us as soon as possible to report damage and file a claim.

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Shut off your main water valve.

Leave the water faucet on.

Don't let the pipe thaw. Call a plumber.

Review our Homeowner's Checklist for Water and Flood Damage Cleanup.

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