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.

Older or poorly insulated pipes Even a small are especially crack caused susceptible to by freezing can freezing. leak hundreds of gallons of water a day. A burst pipe can easily cause thousands of Pipes made of any dollars in metal can burst. It's the damage. expansion of frozen

water in them that causes the damage.

Before Temperatures Drop

Shut off and drain any exterior plumbing lines.LEARN HOW

Disconnect and drain

garden hoses.

Have a reliable **backup** power source.

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

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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Download the **Home Check by** Amica[™] app to keep these and other preparedness tasks organized. ♥ LEARN HOW

Insulate pipes that are vulnerable to freezing.

) **Inspect pipes** for leaks or condensation.

Know your insurance coverage and where to find your policies.

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When Temperatures Drop *

Keep your thermostat at a reasonable temperature,

even when your're away from home.

Close doors to unheated spaces.

> 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.

Open the faucet.

If a Pipe Freezes (But Doesn't Burst)

Melt the ice by either wrappng 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.

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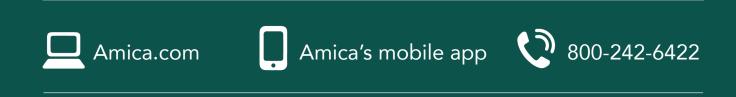
Call a plumber if you're unable to thaw frozen pipes on your own.

If a Pipe Bursts

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



We're here to help.





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