

Prevent Freezing Pipes

Cold Weather is fast approaching; predictions indicate that we are going to have a winter like last year. This means we can expect frozen water pipes. Here are some warning signs and tips to minimize the chance of freezing water pipes.

Warning signs of Freeze	Prevention	Problem Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Unusually cold water temperature (less than 35°) at any fixture-Unusually low water flow at a fixture-Discolored water at a fixture-Low water pressure at a fixture-Sputtering sounds when opening a fixture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Check water temperature (less than 35°) run water pencil size stream-Shut off and drain outside water faucets before freezing occurs-Insulate walls near exposed piping-Repair cold air leaks to reduce drafts on piping and meter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Pipes near broken or open basement windows-Unheated crawl spaces and equipment rooms-Pipes near the foundation or cracks in the basement wall-Pipes under kitchen sinks or cupboards

Going away for a few days?

- Set your thermostat to keep the temperature in your home above 55°F.
- Ask a relative, friend or neighbor to check your home daily.
- If you are leaving for an extended period of time, shut off and drain your home's water system.

If you suspect ANY problems, please don't hesitate to phone in and check. Office (715) 646-2300.