

Help Prevent Frozen Pipes

You can help prevent frozen pipes by taking a few simple precautions. Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses. Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas including crawl spaces. Use properly applied heat tape or pipe insulation to keep pipes warm. Seal off access doors, air vents and cracks. Find the master shut off. It may be near the water heater or the washing machine, and most likely it's where the water line comes into your house from the street. If a pipe bursts, this valve will turn off the water throughout the house. Following these few simple precautions can save you hundreds of dollars in costly repairs.

If you were unable to take these precautions, your pipes still may be susceptible to freezing. A small trickle of water flowing through an indoor faucet could help in preventing pipes from freezing in some situations.