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Personal Insurance Tips

DON'T LET COLD WEATHER ICE YOUR PIPES THIS WINTER



Did you know that letting your most weather-susceptible faucets drip during periods of extreme cold can keep your water pipes from freezing?

Because liquid expands as it freezes, pipes full of water are vulnerable, and those outdoors or running against exterior walls are especially susceptible. With a few preventive steps, you can save the expense and bother of burst pipes and water damage:

- Insulate around pipes exposed to cold air by wrapping them with professionally approved heat tapes or other UL-listed insulation products.
- Remove, drain and store outdoor hoses, and close inside valves that supply outdoor lines. Leave the outside valve open during winter months so that remaining water can expand.
- Know the location of your shut-off valve for the water supply and consider shutting it down if you're going to be away from your home for an extended period of time.
- If your garage has water supply lines, keep the doors closed. Even a few degrees of warmth can make a difference.
- When temperatures are very low, opening kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors gives indoor plumbing access to warmer air. Just be sure to remove any chemicals or cleaners you may store in those areas; these substances may be hazardous to children or pets.
- If you travel for the holidays, keep your thermostat at or above 55 degrees to help keep your pipes warm enough to prevent freezing.

These simple tips will help keep your pipes secure this winter season and allow you to focus your attention on staying warm!

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