

WHEN TEMPERATURES STAY BELOW FREEZING:



Give pipes a helping hand

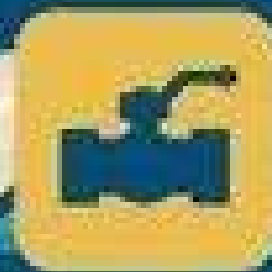
If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.



Keep water working

Keep water moving through the pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run. The cost of the extra water is typically lower than the cost of repairing a broken pipe.

BUT IF YOUR PIPES DO FREEZE:



Shut off the water immediately

Don't attempt to thaw pipes without turning off the main shut-off valve.



Thaw pipes with warm air

You can melt the frozen water in the pipe by warming the air around it with a hair dryer or space heater. Be sure not to leave space heaters unattended and avoid the use of kerosene heaters or open flames.



Be careful turning water back on

Once pipes are thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check pipes and joints for any cracks or leaks that might have been caused by freezing.