

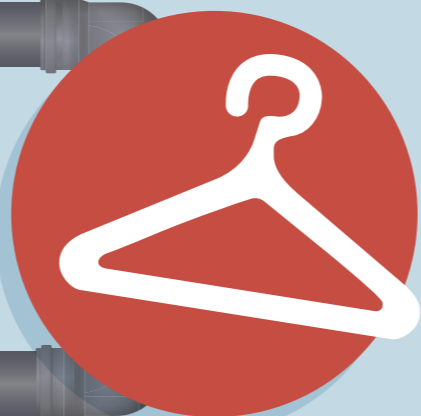
Prevent Frozen Pipes

Preventing freezing is a lot easier than mopping up the damage from a burst pipe. Try these tricks to avoid frozen pipes.



Use a hair dryer.

Warm frozen pipes with a hair dryer. Don't keep the nozzle over one spot for too long. Heat them slowly and evenly.



Empty your closets.

Water pipes may run behind closet walls. A packed closet and a closed door block heat from reaching the pipes behind closet walls.

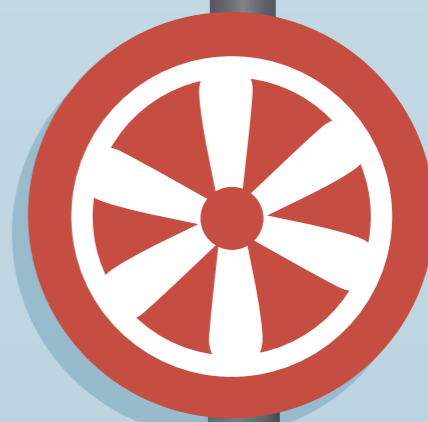


Open cabinet doors.

This lets warm air reach the water lines under the faucet.

Shut off the water.

If you lose heat due to a power outage, shut off the main water supply line. If you're traveling during the winter – even for a day or two – shut off the main valve (and drain the lines by opening faucets) to prevent a pipe rupture.



Get up at night.

Periodically run faucets and flush commodes to move standing water in both the inbound and outbound pipes.



Trickle the faucet.

Because moving water is less likely to freeze, as a last resort, let faucets trickle overnight.