



Protect Pipes! Prevent Polar Potable Perils!

Polar Potable Perils? Maybe “frozen water pipe damage” is more appropriate, but I couldn’t help myself. In all seriousness, protecting pipes from freezing is extremely important. Even the smallest of cracks formed by a frozen pipe can expel hundreds of gallons of water, causing major damage to your home or business. It can also be the beginning stages of mold forming bacteria when temperatures start to warm up. Follow these helpful tips to help keep your home or business safe and free from flood damage!



IMPORTANT -Know where your shut off valve is!

You would be surprised to know how many home and business owners that have no idea where the water main shut off valve is located, or which one it is. If you are experiencing a busted pipe that is expelling water, every second counts! Place a tag on the valve for clear identification!

Insulate Pipes

Exposed pipes are more susceptible to freezing, so take a look at your crawl spaces and attics. Insulating pipes can help prevent freezing even if you live in a climate where freezing is uncommon.

Try Heat Tape or Heat Cables

Heat tape and thermostatically controlled heat cables can be wrapped around pipes to prevent freezing, but make sure you follow all manufacturers’ installation and operation instructions.

Seal Air Leaks

Look for air leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents, or any piping. Using caulk or insulation can help keep the cold out.

Let Water Drip

A slow drip of water can help keep your pipes from freezing. Let warm water drip overnight when temperatures are extremely cold.

Adjust the Thermostat

Keep your thermostat at the same temperature day and night or programmed within a few degrees. It helps reduce strain on your furnace and helps keep a regulated temperature. If you leave for an extended period of time, do **NOT** shut it off entirely.

Open Doors

Keep doors to sump pump rooms, rooms with exterior walls, etc. open. The warm air from your interior will help keep those rooms that do not normally receive the air at equilibrium.