

WINTERIZING YOUR PIPES

Prepare Now!

As temperatures drop, it's time to start thinking about your pipes! Cold snaps here in North Carolina can damage home plumbing systems. Unprotected pipes can freeze, leaving you without access to water. Even worse, pipes can crack or break causing potential flooding and the need for serious repairs.

Here are some quick tips on winterizing your home to protect against frozen and damaged pipes.



Insulate pipes and faucets in unheated spaces.

When the temperature drops to 20 degrees Fahrenheit or below, your pipes are more susceptible to freezing damage. Be sure to add a layer of insulation around your pipes located in unheated garages, attics, basements or crawl spaces.



Cover your hot water tank.

If your hot water tank is in an area that is unheated, it can suffer damage. Insulate it by purchasing water heater insulating blanket



Let your faucet drip.

Allowing water to trickle during very cold weather keeps pipes from freezing.



Disconnect and drain outdoor water hoses.

Detaching the hose keep pipes from freezing and protects your hose bibs. Install cover over faucet.



Know where your main shut-off valve is located.

If a pipe breaks, you can limit flooding damage by shutting off the valve. They're usually located in the basement, garage or outdoors by the foundation.



For water meter emergency shut-off call City Link 311 or (336)727-8000



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