

PREVENT FROZEN PIPES

Prepare Now!

When temperatures drop, it's time to protect your water pipes! Cold snaps 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 tips to prevent 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 damage from freezing. 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. Protect it by installing a water heater insulating blanket.



Let your faucet drip

Allowing water to trickle slowly during extreme 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 an insulated cover over outdoor faucets.



Know where your main shut-off valve is located

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



For emergency shut-off of your water meter, call City Link 311 or 336-727-8000



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