

Protect Pipes When Temperature Drops



Take the time now to prevent your pipes from freezing. When temperatures outside reach 20 degrees or below, pipes are more susceptible to freezing.

- ◆ Know where your master shutoff valve is. It is usually in a basement or on the outside wall of the utility area of the house.
- ◆ Outside the home:
 - Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses.
 - If you notice any cracks or holes outside of your house, you can fill them in with a spray insulation foam and/or caulk. Doing so can prevent the cold air from coming into contact with the pipes. Also, seal the gaps and cracks around air vents, windows and doors.
- ◆ Inside the home:
 - Insulate pipes in unheated areas.
 - Open cabinet doors that directly lead to pipes in kitchens and bathrooms to circulate warmer air.
 - During subfreezing weather, leave a pencil-lead-thin stream of water flowing/dripping from faucets served by exposed pipes.