



# TIPS TO PREVENT FROZEN WATER PIPES

## OUTSIDE

- Disconnect & drain all hoses and install covers on faucets.
- Keep garage doors closed if water supply lines are in garage.



## INSIDE

- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinets.
- Locate the main water valve & the valve on your water heater.
- Wrap pipes nearest exterior walls & in crawl spaces with insulation or heating tape.
- Keep your thermostat at the daytime temperature, even at night.
- Close all windows near water pipes & cover or close open-air vents.
- During very cold weather, open the cold water tap and let the water run at a trickle.

## BEFORE GOING AWAY

- Set thermostat no lower than 55 degrees F.
- Shut off drain or water system.

## IF A PIPE FREEZES

- Thaw the pipe with a good hair dryer. OR
- Heat water on the stove, soak towels in the hot water and wrap them around cold sections of the pipes.
- Start thawing nearest the faucet.
- Do not use flames or other items of extreme heat.

## IF A PIPE BURSTS

- Shut off water at main valve.
- If the break is in a hot water pipe, the valve on top of the water heater should be closed.
- Call a plumber.