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FROZEN Pipes

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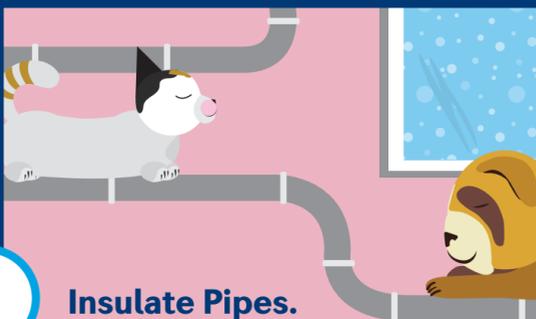
In freezing temperatures, metal pipes contract as the water inside expands. This is what causes pipes to burst. Let **Fred Wags** and **Felicia Fluff** help you identify and protect your household pipes and water meter in cold weather.

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Insulate Pipes.

Insulate pipes located against exterior walls in unheated areas of your home like basements and crawl spaces. Use heat tape or pipe insulation found at most hardware or home improvement stores.

Or just sit on them...



Open Cabinet Doors.

Allow the warmth inside your house to surround your pipes in extreme cold.

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Remove Hoses.

Exterior faucets and hoses are first to freeze. Remove outdoor hoses before the cold weather sets in.



Keep Water Running.

If it's 10° or colder, leave a thin stream of water running from the tap farthest from the water meter.



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Eliminate Drafts.

Repair broken or cracked basement windows and close them tightly. Close off crawl space vents and doors too.

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Check Water Meters.

Make sure the lid is not broken or missing. Pack the pit with insulating material or an old blanket.

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Thaw Pipes.

If a pipe freezes and you can locate the frozen section, use a hair dryer to thaw the area. Hold it six inches away and move it back and forth. If this doesn't work, call a plumber.

