Avoid Freezing or Bursting Pipes in the Cold Winter

Here are some suggestions **BEFORE** winter temperatures set in!

**Crawl Space:**
- Free of Drafts, Cover Vents
- Keep Crawl Space Temperature Above Freezing
- Protect Plumbing with wraps or pipe insulation as needed

**Insulate:**
- See that home is properly insulated throughout
- Protect Plumbing that runs along outside walls

**Cupboards:**
- Keep doors open during extreme cold to allow heat to enter
- Protect Plumbing inside of Cupboards...plumbing in these areas may not be insulated

**Utility Rooms:**
- Keep Temperature Above Freezing
- Protect Plumbing in Utility Rooms

**Gaps:**
- Secure gaps with insulation
- Protect Plumbing Near Gaps

**Outside Faucets:**
- Water OFF to Outside Faucet
- Remove Hoses
- Protect Faucets from Cold Air (frost covers)
- Protect Plumbing Connected to Outside Faucets

**Attached Garages:**
- Keep Closed to Control Drafts
- Protect Plumbing Inside of Garage

**If you leave Town for the Winter:**
- Do all the above & have the home winterized
- May want water shut-off at City’s Valve (call city for an appointment)
- Have someone check on your home weekly

Once you have frozen pipes, the preventions listed above will no longer solve the problem. You may need to call a professional that specializes in “Frozen Plumbing”. Some methods, if not performed properly could be dangerous, you may need to leave it to a professional. Pipes that freeze and are not thawed may burst and flood.

*The City does not thaw frozen plumbing.*

For the future, your local hardware store will sell many products to help insulate plumbing and keep it from freezing in the cold winter months.