



## *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.