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Tips for keeping your pipes from freezing

During freezing weather there are steps you can take to avoid frozen pipes or meters.

- **Check around the foundation for places cold air can blow into the basement or crawlspace.** Seal them with insulation. Close all crawl space vents around your home. Seal cracks with caulk around door frames, windows and pipes where they enter your home.
- **Wrap pipes in unheated areas to prevent freezing.** These could be located under the home, in the attic or garage. Use insulating tape and wrap it around exposed pipes. Make sure to cover all valves and fittings also.
- **Open cupboard doors in the kitchen and bathrooms.** Water lines are usually on the outside wall and more prone to freezing. Keeping the cupboard doors open allow more heat into the space.
- **Allow a small trickle of water to run overnight in the faucets farthest from the street or at the end of the system to keep pipes from freezing.** It may cost a little more on your water bill, but much less expensive than an emergency call to a plumber.