

Tips to Avoid Freezing Pipes

When the outside temperature is freezing, there is a chance your pipes could freeze and burst, potentially causing extensive property damage and a high water bill. Taking the following precautions before the temperatures dip below freezing could help prevent your pipes from freezing:

- Wrap all exterior pipes with insulation
- Turn off any exterior water that you will not be using this winter
- Drain any exterior lines you will not need to use, such as irrigation lines

Never leave home if your pipes are frozen – a leak could develop in your plumbing that may not be detectable until after the thaw, which could result in your home flooding while you're away.

If you are planning to leave town when temperatures could dip into the freezing range, you may want to shut the water service off at your house – this could prevent flooding in your home, not to mention a high water bill, if a pipe freezes and bursts while you're away. **IF YOUR HOUSE IS EQUIPPED WITH FIRE SPRINKLERS, CONSULT WITH A FIRE PROTECTION CONSULTANT BEFORE TURNING THE WATER OFF.**

Feel free to call AMWC at 466-2428 if you have questions regarding freezing pipes.