

Helpful Tips to Avoid Water Damage due to Frozen Water Pipes

Sullivan's Island Water & Sewer Dept.

How to protect your plumbing during freezing weather

When the temperature outside is predicted to fall below 32 degrees Fahrenheit for longer than four hours:

- Allow a couple faucets to run slightly before going to bed. Consider letting the hot water side drip if your hot water source is in an un heated area.
- Insulate all exposed pipes and enclose crawl spaces.
- Plug up drafty cracks and repair broken window panes.
- Remove hoses from outside faucets and be sure they are drained and shut off.
- Know how and where to turn off your water in case of an emergency.

Take these precautions if you go out of town during freezing weather:

1. Turn off your water at your main valve at the house or located near the meter.
2. Turn off your hot water heater at the electric breaker panel.
3. Open a couple of faucets in the house to allow water sitting in the pipes to expand if the outside temperature is freezing.



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