



# PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER



## **INSULATE AND SEAL AIR LEAKS**

This will help keep your home warm and prevent drafts. Seal gaps around windows, doors, and other openings with the use of caulk or weatherstripping. Insulate your exposed pipes.

## **PREPARE YOUR FURNACE**

Ensure that your furnace is running efficiently and safely by having it inspected and serviced by a professional. Ensure that areas where your water pipes come into the home are properly heated.

## **PREPARE YOUR YARD**

Ensure all hoses are disconnected from the valves and if you have exposed pipes try to cover them with insulation. Make sure your sprinkler systems has been blown out for the season.

## **PROTECT YOUR PIPES**

Prevent pipes from freezing and bursting in unheated areas by insulating them. If you'll be gone for an extended period of time, make sure to turn off the water supply and empty the pipes.

## **WHEN THE TEMPERATURE DROPS**

Open up any cabinet doors in areas where your water pipes are running behind them. Turn on a faucet to drip, this can prevent the water from freezing but more importantly will help relieve pressure if you pipes do freeze and hopefully prevent broken pipes.

## **WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR PIPES FREEZE**

**Open up a faucet to relieve pressure when your pipes thaw.** Open doors to allow warm air inside cupboards or closets. Heat areas where it is cold with a space heater. Use a towel drenched in hot water to run up and down the frozen pipes.



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