6 Ways to Protect Your Pipes

- **Close inside valves** supplying water to outdoor faucets and hookups.
- **Open outdoor faucets** to allow residual water to drain. Be sure to keep them open during cold weather months while the water supply is turned off.
- **Keep garage doors closed** to maintain a warmer interior temperature for exposed water pipes.
- **Open the doors on cabinets** where plumbing is located to allow warmer air to circulate around the pipes.
- **For pipes that are at risk of freezing** (both hot and cold water pipes), let water drip from faucets.
- **Keep the heat in your home set** at a minimum of 55 degrees.

What to Do if You Have a Frozen Pipe

- **If you have a leak**, turn the main water supply off immediately to minimize water damage, and call a licensed plumber to make repairs.
- **If your home is heated by an older steam heating system**, consult with your heating professional to determine if it is safe to continue to run the heating system with the water supply turned off.

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