



# Prevent Frozen and Broken Pipes

Crystal Springs Water District is committed to providing you with clean, safe drinking water.

Avoid costly repairs and property damage. Winterize your pipes to keep water flowing, don't let it freeze.

## PREVENT FROZEN/BROKEN PIPES

You can save yourself the hassle and cost of emergency repairs by taking a few simple steps to reduce the risk of burst pipes before freezing weather sets in...

- Drain or blow out all irrigation systems.
- Remove hoses from outside faucets and install an insulated cover on faucets.
- Insulate or install heat tape on water pipes exposed to the cold.
- If you have installed heat tapes, check to be sure they are working.
- Make sure all foundation vents are closed or plugged.



## DURING VERY COLD WEATHER

We suggest that you take a few extra steps when winter temperatures drop below 20-degrees...

- Open cabinet doors below sinks located against outside walls. Insulation in the walls may not be thick enough to keep pipes from freezing.
- Turn on a small but steady stream of water at the inside faucet farthest away from where your water supply enters your home. Flowing water does not freeze as quickly as still water.
- Never use an open flame or electric hair dryer to thaw a frozen pipe.

## IF YOU HAVE A FROZEN PIPE

If you turn on your faucet and no water flows, it is likely that you have a frozen pipe. You can thaw pipes by warming towels or blankets in the clothes dryer and then wrapping them around the frozen pipe. Repeat this process until water flows. The safest thing to do is to wait for the weather to warm and for the frozen pipe to thaw. If you need your water turned off to make a repair, please contact the District Office at (541) 354-1818 or [office@cswdhr.com](mailto:office@cswdhr.com)

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