

# WINTERIZE YOUR PIPES



## INDOOR

- ✓ Keep your home temperature set no lower than 55°F.
- ✓ Protect your pipes. Wrap them with insulation.
- ✓ If pipes run through cabinets, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.
- ✓ Keep water moving through the pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run.
- ✓ Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines. Fix drafty windows and plug drafts around doors. Identify your home's freezing points.

## OUTDOOR

- ✓ Check sprinkler or irrigation systems.
- ✓ Make sure everything is turned off and drained.
- ✓ Know the location of and how to shut off your main water valve.
- ✓ Disconnect all garden hoses and drain the water that remains in faucets.

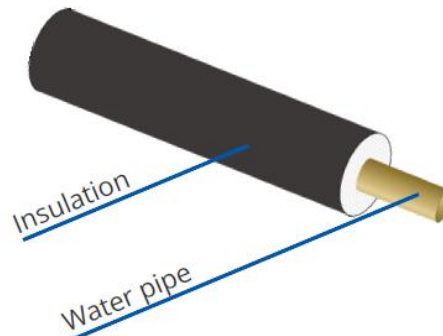


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## HOW TO INSULATE PIPES

*Materials: Scissors, Marker, Tape Measurer, Formed Pipe Insulation, Silver Tape*

- 1 Measure the diameter of the water pipes. If you are only wrapping the hot water pipes, locate them and measure from there. Be careful as the pipes may be hot.
- 2 Match up the size of the pipe with the size of the inside hole of the insulation at the hardware store.
- 3 When you get home, turn off the water to the pipe. You may be able to do this at the water heater or at the backflow located outside.
- 4 Measure the length of the pipe. Cut the insulation to the correct size and wrap around the pipe. Leave at least 3 feet of unwrapped pipe around the hot water heater to avoid fire hazards.
- 5 Secure with the silver tape if needed and turn the water back on.



## IF YOUR PIPES FREEZE

- ✓ Shut off the water immediately.



- ✓ Thaw pipes with warm air, with a hair dryer or space heater. Do not leave space heaters unattended and do not use kerosene heaters or open flames.



- ✓ Be careful turning water back on. Once pipes are thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check pipes and joints for any cracks.

