



In extremely cold conditions your pipes can freeze just like a bottle of water in your freezer! Frozen pipes have the potential to burst leading to leaks and possible flooding once they defrost. To prevent this from happening here are some things you can try:

- Open all cabinets (kitchen, bathroom, laundry room, etc.) This will help warm air circulate to the run of piping.
- Do NOT push down your thermostat at night! Although it is energy efficient to turn down your thermostat while you're sleeping, in extreme cold your pipes need warmth especially during the night.
- Running pipes do not freeze as easily as inactive ones. Slightly open hot and cold faucets or spouts to allow a trickle of water to flow.* This will lower the risk of freezing pipes.

If you find yourself with a pipe already frozen use water pressure to your advantage by opening the faucet or spout. In some cases this will help the ice to break up allowing the water to rush through. If this does not work you may want to use a hairdryer or space heater to try and defrost the pipe that is frozen.

It is *extremely important* to always know where your main shut-off valve is in case you happen to have a water emergency in your home.

**If you've tried it all and still no luck
you can always call Jack Gayson Plumbing & Heating!
We carry necessary equipment to thaw frozen pipes!**

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*This is not recommended for septic/cesspool systems.