

Prepare your home for winter

Follow these tips to prevent frozen pipes

Identify your home's freezing points

When the weather dips below freezing, check your home's pipes. Pipes in areas like crawl spaces, unheated rooms, basements, garages and exterior walls can be especially prone to freezing and bursting.



Protect your pipes

Where pipes are exposed to the cold, wrap them with insulation or heat tape (even fabric or newspaper can help).



Strengthen your defences

Seal any cracks and holes that allow cold outside air inside, especially near water lines. Close off crawl spaces, fix drafty windows, insulate walls and attics and plug drafts around doors.



Give pipes a helping hand

Keep the temperature in your home above eight degrees Celsius (46.4 degrees Fahrenheit) especially near the water meter.

But if your pipes DO freeze...

Before reporting a frozen pipe, contact a plumber to thaw it, or verify its location. Ensure water is turned off at the main shut-off valve prior to thawing pipes.



If the plumber confirms the frozen pipe is from the City's watermain, contact Access Vaughan at 905-832-2281.