

## Reduce Frozen Pipes

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During the winter months, it truly is essential to accomplish everything one can to be certain the water pipes in ones Spokane house do not freeze. There are a few tips homeowners can take to successfully minimize this from occurring that we want to look at now. Doing these will help immensely with preventing a costly **Spokane Plumbing Repair** and the expense of any harm from leaking water from a burst water pipe could cause.

### Turn the Thermostat Up



We understand that homeowners tend to be worried about the increases in energy costs each year, yet it really is very important to use ones thermostat prudently. Having a more constant setting on the thermostat can help with avoiding frozen pipes, specifically in the nighttime hours when temperatures happen to be the lowest. For residences which have uninsulated crawl spaces it is effective as well. Or perhaps, days when one is not intending to be home for extended durations, an effective thermostat setting is above 55° F.

### Insulate Unprotected Parts of the Home

Areas in the residence which are not directly heated, like basements, the attic or crawl spaces, ensure the insulation level is at a suitable amount. Property owners ought to do their very best to prevent the wintry exterior air from getting into these parts. It is very easy to not give these types of locations a lot of thought due to the fact no one is in them usually.

## **Set up Heating Items Directly to Exposed Pipes**

These kinds of things can be bought at a DIY store to help any pipes uncovered to the harsh weather. Heat trace cables, pipe insulation sleeves or [heat tape](#) are effective means that will help insulate pipes. These are all superb tools to keep pipe temperatures above freezing degree and to avoid pipes from breaking. One may even wrap pipes using newspapers up to about a quarter inch to shield against the freezing temperatures.

## **Space Heater Assistance**

All pipes that don't have any kind of proper protection from utilizing the items listed above could also be kept warmer by utilizing a space heater in the general vicinity. It won't have to be turned up high. It merely needs to help keep the pipes above freezing level. Cabinet doors below sinks could be kept wide open with a space heater nearby too.

## **Insulate Unwrapped Outside Pipes**

Any outside pipes, or pipes that could feel the cold of the outside temperatures readily, like in an open garage, likewise have to be insulated good. Keeping garage doors closed helps a lot. It will also assist the energy performance of a hot water heater, in case it is to be found in the garage. In autumn, property owners ought to empty and shut inside water valves that travel to outside hoses. Exterior valves ought to remain open throughout the winter season then so any water still in them is allowed to expand without bursting the water pipe.

The [American Red Cross](#) has some excellent tips on water pipe freezing prevention.

Homeowners are welcome to contact us with any issues and as always, we are here for virtually any Emergency Plumbing Repairs in Spokane.