

Prevent Frozen Pipes

Ohio weather can go from 50° to 15° in a heartbeat, wreaking havoc on your water lines. The Plumbing Source not only offers 24/7 response times should a pipeline burst, we can also help you prevent bursts by protecting your lines from extreme temperatures.



In Fall, before the cold sets in...

- Locate your main Water Shut-Off Valve and clearly Tag it so it can be found fast. Show others in your home know where it is, and how to shut it off in an emergency.
- Turn off outdoor irrigation systems.
- Open outside hose bibbs to drain remaining water.
- If bibbs have indoor Shut-Off Valves, shut (and Tag) them as well.
- Locate pipes prone to freezing (unheated rooms, crawl spaces, basements, garages, inside cabinets and near exterior walls). Wrap them with insulation, heat tape, fabric or newspaper.
- Eliminate cold air sources near water pipes (repair windows, insulate walls, etc).

OR call us at 937-912-1590 to winter-proof your pipes!



In Winter, during freezing temps...

- Leave snow covering your water meter; it acts as an insulation.
- Allow a small trickle of water to run to keep pipes from freezing.
- If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open those doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.



If your pipes *do* freeze...

- Shut off the main water valve immediately.
- Warm the air around frozen pipes with a hair dryer. (Avoid kerosene heaters or open flames.)
- Once pipes are thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check pipes and joints for any cracks or leaks that might have been caused by freezing.