

# PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM FROZEN WATER PIPES

There are five easy things you can do to protect your home from frozen and broken water pipes:

1. Disconnect all garden hoses and other outside hose connections. If possible, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.
2. Insulate all exposed pipes located in your basement, under your home, on outside walls or in attics. For pipes with northern exposures, use heat tape according to the manufacturer's instructions. (Improper usage may cause a fire.)
3. Set the thermostat to at least 55 degrees even when your home is vacant or unoccupied during the winter. If you plan to be away during cold-weather months, have someone regularly check your home to make sure it's staying warm enough to prevent freezing.
4. Winterize sprinkler systems according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Blowing out excess water with a compressor may be the best way to prevent frozen and broken pipes.
5. It is very important to know how to shut off the water supply if a pipe bursts. Quick action can minimize damage.
6. Notify the Code Enforcement Department at (815) 886-7215 or at [www.romeoville.org](http://www.romeoville.org) of vacant homes in your area so that they can prevent water damage from occurring from frozen pipes.



We don't often think of damage from frozen and broken water pipes as being on the same scale as a natural disaster, but damage from water is the most prevalent yet least recognized catastrophe.

Taking these few precautions during these winter months may save your home from the devastating effects of frozen and broken water pipes.

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