



PREVENTING FROZEN WATER PIPES TIPS

When below-freezing weather is predicted, the Bend Fire Department reminds everyone that water and fire sprinkler pipes can easily freeze and break. A few simple measures can prevent water lines from freezing and breaking.

- Put up insulation blocks in crawl space vents
- Slightly crack a water tap in your home furthest from where your water line enters your home or business
- Open up cabinets in low heat areas of the occupancy where plumbing exists, especially overnight when temperatures reach the lowest point
- Check all outdoor faucets and turn off water to any exterior spigot, or hose bib where not a frost-free type. Disconnect garden hoses and drain
- Snow on the ground insulates underground plumbing better than no snow
- Read all applicable manufacturers' information when using heat-tape. Never over-lap, or apply heat-tape over insulation

Commercial buildings:

- Make sure your fire sprinkler system has been maintained adequately and has been tested for sub-zero conditions
- Where sprinkler systems have an air compressor, and or heater in the sprinkler riser room, maintain the heat a reasonable temperature for overnight lows
- Check attic spaces for exposed pipes or areas with little insulation
- Increase the temperature in less frequented areas
- Examine areas of concern and test to see if things are a problem

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