

## How to Protect Against Frozen Pipes

If your home has had frozen pipes before, ask your plumber what you can do to prevent them in the future. Some steps that may help when temperatures remain below freezing for a day or more include:

- Leaving a faucet dripping slightly to circulate water so it won't freeze in your pipes.
- Opening cabinet doors below sinks located against outside walls, to allow warm air to circulate.

### **Take these steps in advance of freezing weather to help protect your home.**

- Insulate pipes, both inside and outside the home.
- Make sure your gas and electricity are in working order to keep pipes warm.
- Winterize outdoor lines by draining outdoor lines and disconnecting garden hoses.
- Locate the water shut-off valve and learn how to turn it off.
- Educate your family so they know how to shut off the water and who to call in an emergency.
- If you have vacation travel plans, ask a friend or relative to check on your home or business while you are away.