










Cold Weather Checklist

Avoid the high costs and inconveniences of burst pipes or a damaged water meter. As a property owner, you are responsible for protecting your water pipes and water meter (interior or exterior) from cold air and wind. Follow these tips to keep the water safely flowing to your taps all winter long.

-  Check water pipes near uninsulated or drafty walls, doors, floors and windows, including in your basement, garage or attic. Add insulation wherever you can. Insulating or wrapping pipes can also help.
-  Keep all doors and windows tightly closed. Fill cracks in walls and around doors and windows.
-  Locate the main shut-off valve to your home. Show all household members how to turn it off if pipe bursts.
-  Open cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around pipes along outside walls. In extreme cold, let faucets drip.
-  If your water meter is in an outdoor pit, check to see that the pit cover fits properly and has no cracks through which cold air can flow.
-  **Never use a torch or open flame to thaw a pipe.**
-  If you see or suspect damage to your water pipes, call a licensed plumber for assistance. If you see or suspect a frozen or damaged water meter, please call the DPW at 508- 278-8616.

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