

Find and Fix Leaks



Check for drafts

- Check around your pipes to ensure that there are no cold drafts coming in from the outside.
- Look around where your pipes enter the house, in the basement, attic, storage areas, crawl spaces, and garage.



Check your hot water tank

- While checking your pipes in the basement, ensure that the hot water tank is properly heated.



Winterize Outdoor Taps

- Winterize your outdoor taps and other water features to prevent the cold from getting in to the pipes.
- This included turning off the water line to outside faucets.



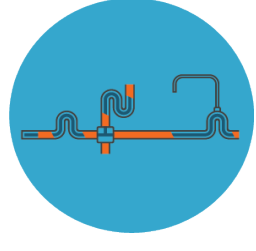
Keep your temperature up

- It is recommended you keep your thermostat above 15 degrees Celsius.
- If you are leaving for an extended period of time, you may need to check with your insurance company if this needs to be maintained other ways.



Insulate your pipes

- Hot and cold pipes should be insulated if they are in a cold area.
- Try looking for pipe sleeves, heat tape, or heat cables.
- Allow heat from the house to warm unprotected pipes by opening doors and cabinets that cover these areas.



Run water through your pipes

- Regularly run water through pipes by either everyday use or running a steady, pencil-width stream of water.
- The utility owner is responsible for any increases in water usage.



Seal your home

- Prevent drafts from coming in through windows and doors.
- Check any locations where there may be additional drafts coming in.



Open Doors

- Allow heat from the house to warm unprotected pipes by opening doors and cabinets that cover these areas.