

# How to prevent frozen pipes

The worst time to remember these tips is when you're cold, wet and tired of mopping up after a burst pipe. The best time is now.



## 1. Bring the heat.

Warm frozen pipes with a hair dryer. Move slowly and evenly, without aiming at one spot.

## 2. Declutter your closets.

Water pipes may run behind closet walls. A packed closet blocks heat from reaching them.

## 3. Add the kitchen sink.

Opening cabinet doors lets warm air reach water lines under faucets.

## 4. Shut it down.

If you lose heat in a power outage, shut off the main water valve and drain the lines by opening faucets.

## 5. Be a night owl.

Run faucets and flush toilets a couple times overnight to move standing water.

## 6. Keep it moving.

As a last resort, let faucets trickle all night; moving water is less likely to freeze.

## 7. Get smart (sensors)

Smart water sensors can alert you the moment something goes wrong. Some even shut off the water supply.