



Christian Brothers Services

Tips for PREVENTING FROZEN PIPES

Additional Suggestions:

**Conduct a formal
inspection twice
a year.**

**All employees
should know
where to report
hazards and
maintenance
concerns.**



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- 1. Do not reduce heat in the evenings or over the weekend when the facilities are unoccupied.**
- 2. Never use open flame devices (propane torches, etc.) in an attempt to thaw frozen pipes. This action can cause a fire!**
- 3. Do not use homemade electrical devices (heat cords, heating elements, extension cords, etc.) to help prevent pipes from freezing. Homemade electrical devices can cause a fire!**
- 4. Do not use unattended space heaters for long, continuous time periods.**
- 5. Identify and correct or eliminate drafts within a building.**
- 6. Identify pipes on outer walls or in rooms with insufficient insulation. Install additional insulation, as needed, according to the manufacturer's guidelines.**
- 7. Pipes located in cabinets may be subject to freezing during frigid conditions. Keep the cabinet doors open to allow warm air to circulate within these areas.**
- 8. Test water faucets regularly to make certain water is still flowing through the pipes.**
- 9. Conduct frequent inspections in areas that have the greatest exposure to the cold.**
- 10. Use only licensed and bonded professional plumbers to correct serious or long term freezing problems.**
- 11. Locate and label your water shut off valves in advance of a problem. A quick emergency shutdown will help to limit your damages.**