



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.**