

Care For Pipes In Cold Weather

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WESTERVILLE, Ohio — Winter brings bitter cold and you have felt it across Ohio this month.

It's the season when pipes freeze and break. Now is as good a time as any to protect your pipes, both inside and out.

"These items [and products] save you in the long run in the protection of the property you invested in. They protect the cost of your consumable utilities." said Ohio American Water Operations Superintendent Tom Schwing.

The first key: insulate around your pipes. Use a foam to keep cold air from seeping in next to your pipes.

"It will dry and expand out as it dries." said Schwing.

Exposed pipes in the basement should be covered. You can purchase material that wraps right around the pipe to keep it warm, and above freezing. If your pipes are exposed to unusually cold conditions, think about using a heated cord.

After you insulate your indoor pipes, you can't forget about your outdoor spigot. They easily freeze in the cold weather. Use a faucet cover to trap the heat inside and keep your outdoor spigot from freezing.

Finally, if you'll be away from home for an extended period, turn off your main water valve.

"If there is a problem, the damage or consequences of the damage is minimized." added Schwing.

Weatherizing your pipes saves you money on utilities and a potential mess.

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