

4 Signs You May have Frozen Pipes- Key Things to Watch For

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Winter is coming and the worry of frozen pipes is one weighing heavily on the minds of many homeowners. Frozen pipes can be complete nightmares for homeowners as they can cause an incredible amount of damage, waste tons of water, and destroy things in your home you can't even see. With that in mind, it's important for homeowners to know these four frozen pipes symptoms. Allowing them to watch for them, so they can minimize the damage and correct the problem promptly.

1. **No water flowing from the pipes.** If you turn the water on and there is no water flowing through the pipes, there might be a problem.
2. **Foul or odd smells escaping through the pipes.** Frozen water within the pipe blocks food and other items (along with their not-so-pleasant odors) from escaping, forcing the smell back up into the home.
3. **You notice frost on the pipes.** This is a sure sign for many homeowners that there is ice inside the pipes. It may be easily visible if you examine the pipes under sinks and inside cabinets.
4. **The temperatures outside the home drop below freezing.** The odds of pipes freezing in the middle of summer are rare. However, if temps outside drop below freezing, the conditions are ripe for frozen pipes.

No one wants to wait until frozen pipes explode to correct the problem. While it is always best to prevent frozen pipes in winter, it is also wise to be watchful for frozen pipes at home when they occur and take corrective actions immediately when they do.

Preventing Frozen Pipes in Winter

While there is no absolute best way to prevent frozen pipes there are things homeowners and even renters can do to avoid potential problems related to pipes freezing inside the home.

- *Insulate pipes in exposed areas, like basements, crawlspaces, exterior walls, etc.*
- *Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors so heat from inside the home can keep the pipes warm.*
- *Allow cold water to drip (or even better trickle) from pipes in bathrooms and kitchens to help prevent freezing.*
- *Keep the thermostat inside your home set at 55° so that it doesn't get too cold inside the home allowing interior pipes to freeze.*
- *Consider wrapping your pipes in heating tape.*

These are small steps to take that can save homeowners the hassles and expense of needing to fix water damage that occurs when pipes burst. When freezing does occur, despite your best efforts to prevent frozen pipes in winter, it doesn't necessarily mean all is lost. You may be able to salvage the pipes by taking fast, corrective actions.

Damage Due to Frozen Water Pipes? Call Experts Today!

If you have obvious water damage and other signs of damage from the frozen pipes, it may be best to bring in [expert restoration services](#) to clean up the problem quickly and ensure there is no [mold](#) or [water damage](#) left behind. Contact [Utah Flood Cleanup](#) today for fast, affordable solutions for [water damage caused by frozen pipes](#) this winter and more.