

WINTER PLUMBING READINESS CHECKLIST

PROTECT YOUR PIPES

- Insulate exposed pipes** in basements, attics, crawl spaces, and garages.
- Wrap outdoor spigots** with faucet covers or insulated sleeves.
- Seal gaps and cracks** near pipes that let in cold air.
- Open cabinet doors** under sinks to allow warm air to circulate around pipes on freezing nights.

CHECK YOUR WATER HEATER

- Flush the tank** to remove sediment buildup for better efficiency.
- Check the temperature** setting (120°F is ideal for most homes).
- Inspect for leaks or rust** and schedule maintenance if needed. Consider an insulating blanket for older water heater models.



PREPARE OUTDOOR PLUMBING

- Disconnect and drain** garden hoses – store them indoors.
- Shut off and drain** outdoor faucets using the interior shutoff valve (if available).
- Drain and winterize** irrigation systems to prevent line damage.

CHECK FOR LEAKS AND DRIPS

- Inspect all visible pipes** and fixtures for signs of moisture.
- Fix minor leaks** before freezing temperatures make them worse.
- Monitor water pressure** – sudden drops may indicate hidden leaks.

DURING FREEZING TEMPERATURES

- Let faucets** drip slowly overnight to prevent frozen pipes.
- Keep home temperatures consistent**, even when you're away.
- Use space heaters safely** – never leave them unattended near pipes.