

# How to Stop Water Pipes from Freezing



Water Pipes

Since most of your water [pipes](#) are located outside or under your house, it is important to keep them protected so they will not freeze during the winter. Preventing water pipes from freezing is much less costly and time consuming than having to hire someone to repair them if they freeze and burst.

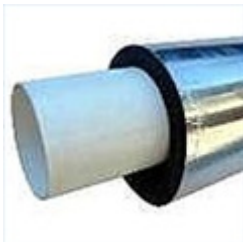
Difficulty: Moderately Challenging

## Instructions

Things You'll Need:

- Heated tape
- Insulated wrap

Start early in the spring or summer preparing your pipes for the winter. It is much easier to do it when it is warm outside then waiting until cold weather has arrived.



Insulated wrap

Wrap pipes with an insulated cover. This is available at the local hardware store. You may want to use plastic on the outside of the insulated wrap for extra protection.

Buy a heated cord made especially for water pipes. You can then wrap it around the pipes and when the weather is below freezing plug in the electric cord to prevent water pipes from freezing and bursting.



## Drip

Leave a water faucet dripping. Depending on the temperature and how likely you are to have freezing pipes, make sure it is a steady drip or a stream.

Install a no [freeze](#) water faucet for outside use. These can be found at your local store as well. They allow the water to drain from the pipe so the faucet does not freeze.

Cover outside faucets with plastic and buckets. They also make a faucet cover you can use if you would like. As long as the wind and cold are blocked, hopefully your water pipes will not freeze.