

AmTrust Property Zone

Prevent Damage from Freezing and Bursting Pipes

Freezing temperatures can lead to bursting pipes. Pipes that are exposed to cold temperatures – including outdoor pipes and pipes in unheated areas – are especially vulnerable. To avoid massive damage, protect your pipes this winter.

Get Ready for a Freeze

- Leave the heat on at 55° F or higher – even at night or if the building is empty
- Use a temperature monitor and/or a backup power source to ensure adequate warmth
- Leave cabinet doors open to improve circulation around pipes
- Let faucets drip slowly to alleviate pressure in pipes
- Remove and drain outdoor hoses
- Ensure that the exterior windows and doors are properly sealed and caulked

Thaw Frozen Pipes Carefully

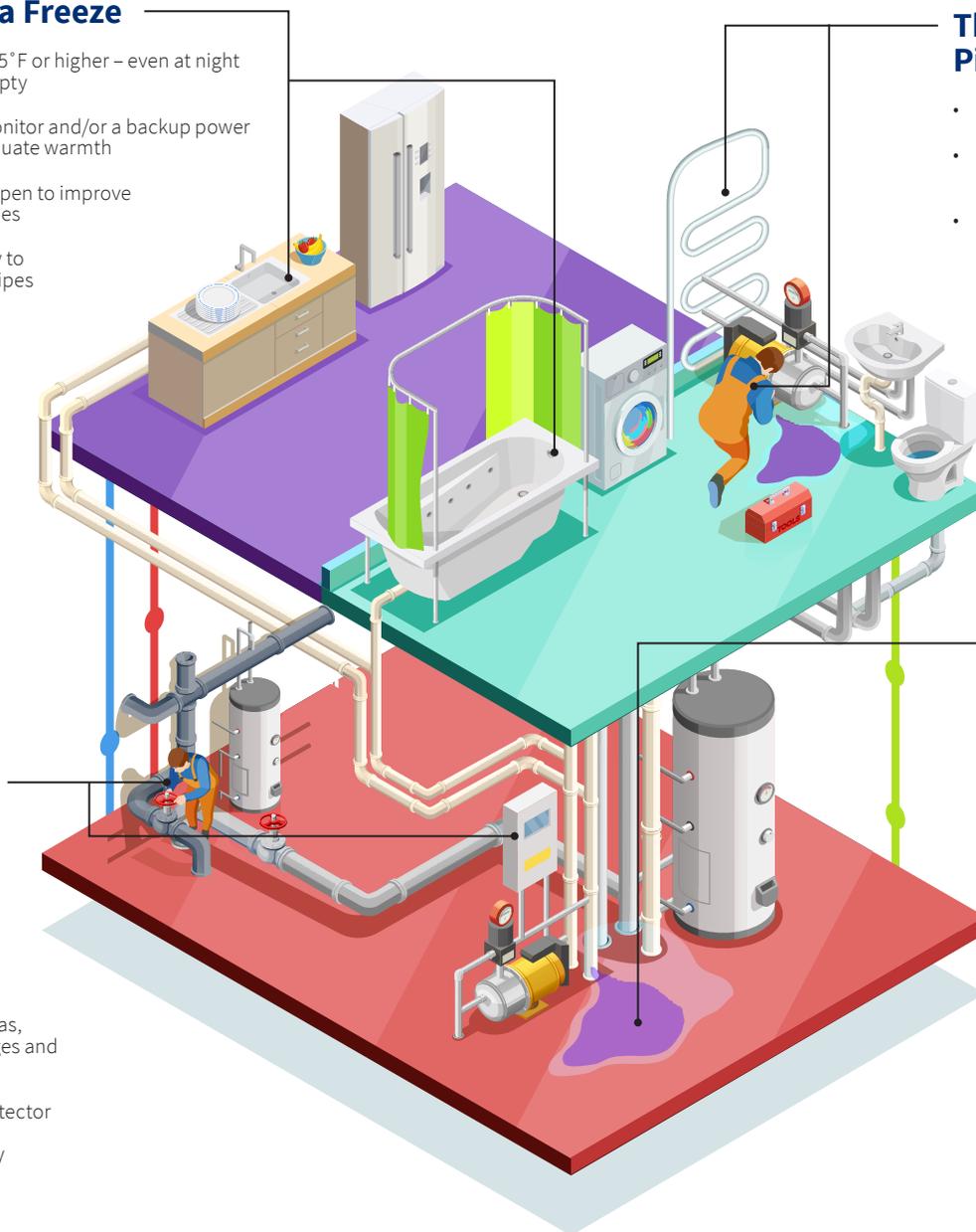
- Run water through the faucet
- Warm pipes safely, for example, with a hair dryer
- Call a licensed plumber for assistance

Prepare Your Pipes

- Protect at-risk pipes with insulation
- Protect outdoor faucets and spigots with insulating domes
- Insulate unheated areas, including attics, garages and basements
- Install a smart leak detector so you'll know of any problems immediately

Respond Fast

- If your pipes burst, turn off the water to avoid more damage
- Contact a licensed plumber immediately



Sources: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1417724950595-b0f4662b0ea0534cb28e1f40074e6cfc/FrozenWaterPipes.pdf>
<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm/frozen-pipes.html>

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