

Vacation Tips

Here are some quick tips to know before leaving to go on vacation:

- Water pipes may freeze or burst during cold months and can cause damage.
- Pipes in the attic or crawl space and outside walls are most vulnerable to freezing or bursting.
- Fit all pipes with foam and fiberglass, and insulation sleeves.
- All cracks and openings outside the walls near pipes should be sealed with caulking.
- Kitchen and bath pipes should be exposed to warm air from heating systems.
- Close outside crawlspace vents in winter months.

If you should return from vacation and suspect pipes are frozen, turn off all faucets. Turn off water main and call a plumber. Never try to thaw the pipe with a torch.

Set your thermostat at 68 degrees. The cost of the repair bill will be much greater as opposed to the heating bill.

Set a couple lights on a timer to make it appear that someone is home.

Defer your mail and newspaper delivery.