



TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

# RISK REMINDER

## Preventing and Dealing with Frozen Pipes



### Preventing Frozen Pipes

**Seal Cracks and Holes:** Keep cold air out by sealing gaps around pipes.

**Insulate Pipes:** Use insulation or heat tape.

**Maintain Heat:** Keep building temperature at least 55F.

**Allow Faucets to Drip:** Prevent freezing by letting faucets drip during extreme cold.

**Open Cabinet Doors:** Let warm air reach pipes under sinks.

**Disconnect Outside Hoses:** Prevent bursts by disconnecting hoses.

### Dealing with Frozen Pipes

**Shut Off Main Water Supply:** Prevent bursts by shutting off the main supply.

**Apply Heat:** Thaw pipes gently with a hair dryer, heating pad, or warm towels.

**Avoid Open Flames:** Never use open flames to thaw pipes.

**Check for Leaks:** Inspect for leaks after thawing and call a plumber if needed.

**Turn Water Back On:** Slowly restore water and monitor for issues.

***These tips can help prevent and manage frozen pipes effectively.***

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