

## Tips & Tricks When A Cold Snap Hits

### Happy Holidays from True Plumbing and Drain Cleaning Stay Warm and Safe

(These tips are recommendations and not a guarantee)

- Keep faucets running with cold water. The constant flow of water, even at a very low trickle, maintains a temperature above freezing in your pipes.
- Open interior doors. Even if a room is warm, the cabinet can be much cooler, and pipes housed there can be at risk. Keeping other doors in the house open helps heat to distribute more evenly to less warm rooms.
- Keep your home heated throughout the winter. Though it may seem counterintuitive to pay for heating when you're on vacation or not in the house, it's important to keep your thermostat set at or above 65 degrees Fahrenheit at all times.
- If you try to run water and only a trickle comes out, you are likely dealing with a frozen pipe. Your goal should be to thaw the freeze and get water flowing normally again. Leave the faucet open to release pressure and locate the frozen part of the pipe. Safely warm the pipe using an electric heating pad, hair dryer or towels soaked in hot water. A portable space heater is also an option as long as it is kept away from flammable materials. ***Make sure not to leave the space heater unattended!***