

## FREEZE PREPARATION

Freeze preparation is crucial for preventing damage to your home and ensuring safety during extreme cold. When temperatures drop, unprotected pipes can burst, heating systems can fail, and icy conditions can create hazards inside and outside your home. Taking steps to winterize your property—like insulating pipes, sealing drafts, and checking heating sources—helps avoid costly repairs, conserves energy, and keeps your household warm and secure. A little preparation goes a long way in protecting your home from the harsh impact of freezing weather.



## **Checklist:**

- Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses
- Cover exterior faucets with insulated covers
- Open cabinets under sinks to allow warm air in
- Set faucets to drip in freezing weather
- Insulate exposed pipes (attic, garage, crawl spaces)
- Check weather stripping on doors and windows
- Service your furnace or heating system
- Clean the fireplace and chimney (if applicable)
- Check attic insulation levels
- Store salt or sand for walkways



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