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Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We hope that you find it informative. You get access to exclusive promotions and coupons. Our experts give you the scoop on the latest products. we will show our version of "Design on a Dime" with our organization and design ideas for your kitchen and bath for \$20 or less. And "What's Cookin", we share our favorite recipes for the season. There is a little something for everyone.

We love to hear your feedback. What you liked, what you didn't. If there is anything you would like to know more about. Just shoot us an email at CustomerCare@BPHM

As your plumbing and heating expert, Badger Plumbing, Heating & Mechanical Inc. is here to help ensure your plumbing & heating system remains in the best condition possible. Preventive maintenance and repairs — performed by our highly skilled and trained technicians who know your plumbing and heating equipment inside and out — is the best way to accomplish this.

The other critical ingredient is working with a company you can trust. Whether it's a repair, maintenance, new installation, or an emergency repair, our aim is to go above and beyond to serve you and your family.

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PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

BEFORE COLD WEATHER SETS IN:



Check sprinkler or irrigation systems
Make sure you've turned everything off and fully drained the system.



Identify your home's freezing points
Check your home for pipes in areas that might be prone to freezing, such as crawl spaces, unheated rooms, basements, garages, and exterior walls.



Know how to shut off your water
Locate your main water shut-off valve. Hang the I.D. tag located on the back of this insert on the valve, so you can find it quickly in an emergency.



Strengthen your defenses
Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines by closing off crawl spaces, fixing drafty windows, insulating walls and attics, and plugging drafts around doors.



Protect your pipes
Where pipes are exposed to cold, wrap them with insulation or heat tape (even fabric or newspaper can help).

WHEN TEMPERATURES STAY BELOW FREEZING:



Give pipes a helping hand
If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.



Keep water working
Keep water moving through the pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run. The cost of the extra water is typically lower than the cost of repairing a broken pipe.

BUT IF YOUR PIPES DO FREEZE:



Shut off the water immediately
Don't attempt to thaw pipes without turning off the main shut-off valve.



Thaw pipes with warm air
You can melt the frozen water in the pipe by warming the air around it with a hair dryer or space heater. Be sure not to leave space heaters unattended and avoid the use of kerosene heaters or open flames.



Be careful turning water back on
Once pipes are thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check pipes and joints for any cracks or leaks that might have been caused by freezing.



Is Your Home Prepared?

The cold is upon us. Like it or not it's here to stay for a bit. Below freezing temperatures can be a homeowners biggest nightmare. Coming home to a waterlogged house due to frozen pipes that had burst. Dealing with the clean up can be costly, not to mention you are without a water supply until it's fixed. When water freezes inside a plumbing pipe water expands and pressure increases. Once a plumbing pipe bursts hundreds of gallons of water can pass through it a day, causing thousands of dollars in damage. Here are some things you can do to help prevent freeze ups.

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Ways to Select a Superior Service Company

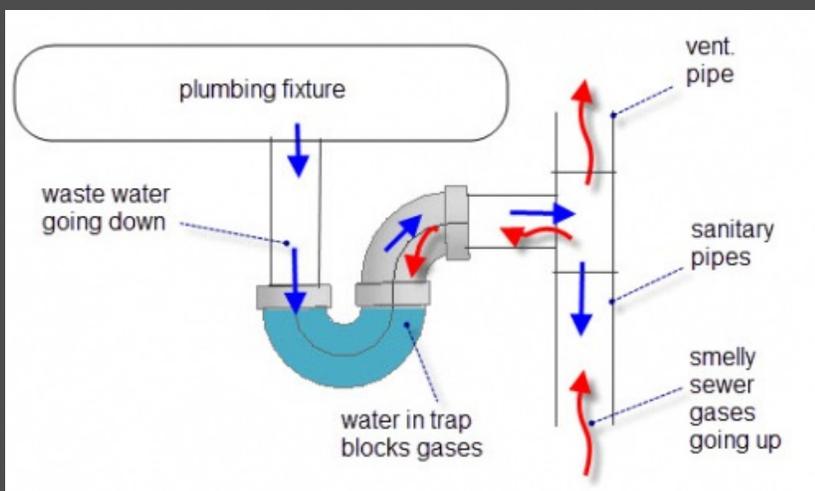


Selecting any type of home service company is a frightening prospect for most homeowners. This is a different list than you'll typically see from a consumer magazine or government agency. Few people, for example, want to call three to five companies for an estimate, especially if you need service quickly. People simply want someone who will do a good job at a fair price with the minimum amount of hassle. Almost no one is going to call past customers or check with the licensing board. Our list focuses on things you can do quickly and practically.

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HOW A PLUMBING TRAP CAN LOSE WATER



Plumbing traps, commonly called P-traps, are an important part of your plumbing system. They are designed to constantly hold water in the drain to prevent sewer gas from escaping into the house. While sewer gases may contain noxious odors and smell terrible, they can also be explosive and poisonous. Ensuring that your P-trap has enough water will keep things running smoothly. Sometimes things start to run dry. Here are some ways that your

plumbing trap can lose water:

Evaporation: Overly dry air conditions can cause the water in your plumbing trap to evaporate.

Capillary Action: If something is stuck inside of the pipe and is wicking or absorbing the water from the toilet, capillary action could be to blame.

Oscillation: Traps can lose their water from too much wind and the air outside of the house, which could be getting into the pipes and may bounce the water out of the bowl.

S-trap: An S-trap could also be the culprit of an empty trap. The long leg of the pipe causes the water to pass through with too much force, pulling water right out of the trap.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A P-TRAP TO DRY OUT?

P-traps can dry out as quickly as a month, sometimes even less than that. This happens most often in winter. To prevent your P-trap from drying out, run the sink or shower for a minute or two once a week to keep water flowing and your P-traps from drying out.

Are you having an issue with your P-trap running dry? Do you think a clogged drain or one of the issues above could be to blame? Whatever your plumbing needs are, the experts at Badger Plumbing & Heating are here to help! We also offer 24/7 emergency service to ensure you never go without. To schedule a service visit, give us a call at 603-755-4877 or message us here.

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CLEAN UP YOUR SINK

I thought this was a cute way of keeping toothbrushes off the sink top. You can find the glass candle holder at the dollar store as well as the bag stones.



POCKET ORGANIZERS

You can find these organizers at the dollar store. Hang them inside your vanity door to store your bathroom essentials.



PVC HOLDERS

This is a great way to organize your products. Like your curling iron, straight iron, or brush.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

This time of year there is nothing better than warm homemade soup to warm up with. This one is a family favorite!

Onions, slowly cooked until deep brown and caramelized, give this classic its distinctive flavor. Great for a party, this recipe is easily doubled; simply cook the onions in two skillets.



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