



November

Tip of The Month



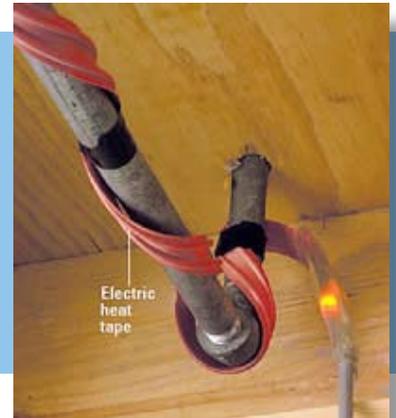
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Protect Your Pipes This Winter

This month we will begin to prepare for Winter Weather starting with protecting your pipes! Here are some tips to help you protect this valuable resource during tough winter weather.

Before Freezing Weather

- Disconnect and drain hoses from outside faucets
- Turn off and drain sprinkler systems and backflow devices
- Wrap outside faucets with insulating material
- Use faucet covers to help protect pipes from freezing



During Freezing Weather

- Open cupboard doors under sinks
- Temporarily keep a steady, but slow drip of cold water on an inside faucet
- If you are away more than a day, shut off your water and leave the thermostat at 55 degrees



If a pipe breaks in your home, know where the water shut off valve is. It can be located:

- In the basement or crawl space near where the water lines enter the house
- In the garage where the water line enters the house
- Outside near the foundation, often protected by a concrete ring or clay pipe