

# What Most People Don't Know About Bursting Water Pipes

Bursting water pipes are a real problem for homeowners, especially when they're unprepared. Learn how to prepare your home against the likelihood of bursting pipes, how to deal with burst pipes once they occur, and what to do if you find yourself in a situation where you can't find or access the leak.

## How pipes freeze

When pipes freeze, it is usually because the surrounding air temperature has dropped below freezing. A number of factors can cause this to happen, including:

- The air inside a building being heated by an existing heater or radiator
- Insufficient heat loss from the building's walls, floors and ceilings
- Air conditioning systems removing too much heat from the indoor environment (this will also cause condensation on windows)

To prevent frozen pipes from occurring in your home, you should make sure any heating devices are well-maintained and working properly. You should also seal any cracks that might allow warm indoor air to escape outwards into cold outdoor temperatures; this includes doors and windows as well as wall cavities around plumbing fixtures.

If you live in an area where temperatures regularly dip below zero degrees Celsius (32°F), then it may be best for you to leave a window slightly open during winter months so that water can evaporate off the top of your water meter tank — preventing excess moisture buildup that could lead to freezing when temperatures drop below freezing later on in summertime months!

## How to fix pipes that are frozen

Frozen pipes can be a real danger, especially in the colder months. If you have frozen pipes, it is important to take care of them as quickly as possible. There are several ways to unfreeze the pipe.

- Open the faucet and let warm water run for about 15 minutes. This will help melt away some of the ice around your pipe so that it can begin flowing again without any difficulty.
- Use a hair dryer on low heat spread around where your pipe is frozen (but do not let it get too hot). This might be enough for you to get water flowing again if there isn't much ice built up in your pipes yet!
- Try removing any ice that has built up around your leaking pipes using an ice pick or hammer and chisel—but only if all else fails! If these methods don't work, then contact a professional plumber immediately so they can help with fixing this problem permanently

## **What to do if you can't find the leak or can't access the leak**

If you are not able to find the leak or access the leak, call a plumber. The plumber may have some tips that could help you locate the source of your problem. If this is not an option, then call them anyway.

## **Bursting water pipes is a serious issue.**

Bursting water pipes is a serious issue. If you have a burst pipe, it can be very costly and dangerous to ignore the leak. You should never use a blowtorch or other fire-based heat source to thaw frozen pipes. This can cause the pipe to break even further, resulting in further water damage and wet carpets or floors.

If you have any reason to suspect that your pipes are leaking or frozen, call us immediately so we can inspect them for damage and provide advice on how best to proceed with repairs.

## **What next?**

Water pipes can burst and cause a lot of damage to your home or business. If you find yourself in this situation, it is important that you call for help as soon as possible. This article will guide you through the process of fixing your burst pipe and avoiding future problems with frozen lines or leaks.

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