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Homeowner Tips

Pipes and water meters can freeze when the temperature remains below 25 degrees for extended periods of time.

We offer the following tips to help protect water lines during periods of cold weather:

Let a thin stream of cold water run from a basement faucet.

If your interior pipe is frozen, warm it with hot air from a blow dryer where it enters your house.

Know the location of the water shutoff valve in your home and check it periodically.

Shut off water to outside faucets.

Monitor your sump pump. A frozen drain pipe could result in a flooded basement.

Insulate pipes in unheated parts of your house.

Keep bottled water on hand.

For water emergencies in Baltimore City please call 311 or (410) 396-5352 in our Baltimore County service area.

