

TIPS

Insulate walls and attics.

To prevent frozen pipes and ice dams, ensure all walls and attics are fully insulated.

- Insulate pipes.

 Insulation for pipes can prevent them from freezing and bursting, which leads to costly water damage.
- Drip faucets.

 Letting faucets lightly drip during extremely cold weather can help prevent pressure and ice buildup in pipes.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors.

 In a deep freeze, open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow some warm air to circulate around pipes.
- Remove heat sources from your attic.

 Heat sources in your attic can cause snow to melt on your roof and refreeze, causing ice dams.
- Clear debris from drains, gutters and downspouts.

 So that snow melt can drain away from your home, keep all drains, gutters and downspouts free from debris.
- Remove snow from roof.

 An accumulation of heavy snow can put pressure on the roof, causing damage. If a foot or more of snow remains on your roof for a few days, consider hiring someone to remove it.