



First step: Do not panic. Just because they are frozen, does not mean they have already burst. Here are some things you can do:

If you turn on your faucets and nothing comes out, leave the faucets turned on and call a plumber.

Do not use electrical appliances in areas of standing water: You could be electrocuted.

Never try to thaw a pipe with a torch or other open flame, because it could cause a fire hazard. Water damage is preferable to burning down your house.

You may be able to thaw a frozen pipe with the warm air from a hair dryer. Start by warming the pipe as close to the faucet as possible, working toward the coldest section of pipe.

If your water pipes have already burst, turn off the water at the main shutoff valve in the house; leave the water faucets turned on. Make sure everyone in your family knows where the water shutoff valve is and how to open and close it.

**PLACE A PITCHER OR LARGE POT UNDER A KITCHEN FAUCET AND TURN ON WATER TO “DRIP” ONLY.**

(USE the water for coffee, beverages, etc...Don't let it waste down the drain)

**THIS WILL KEEP WATER FLOWING THROUGH PIPES.**

**OPEN DOORS TO ALLOW HEAT TO THE PIPES UNDER CABINETS.**

