

WATER EXPANDS WHEN IT FREEZES.

## Your pipes do not.

Nothing is worse than a burst pipe in the dead of winter. With temperatures falling and winter on the horizon, now is the time to protect your pipes.

Fortunately, Aqua Illinois has some simple tips that you can do to lessen the impact of freezing temperatures and protect your home.

- Eliminate Drafts.
- Insulate Pipes.
- Remove Outdoor Hoses.

And when it's really cold, 10 degrees or less, or you aren't home, leave a thin stream of water running from at least one tap farthest from the water meter.

If your pipes freeze and you can locate the frozen section, use a handheld hair dryer to thaw the area. Hold the dryer about six inches from the pipe and move the dryer slowly back and forth. If this method fails after a reasonable period of time, call your plumber immediately.

