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Have you ever had a water pipe burst?



If not - GREAT! But if you have - you understand.

Water is a powerful thing. In warm weather it can carry the heaviest things away with little effort. In cold weather, it can freeze and expand. And in its frozen state you may not even realize what's happening.

But just wait. That frozen water/ice will thaw. And any damage done to faucets and pipes will begin to create problems.

Prevention

Understand your home's plumbing. Know where the pipes are and if they are exposed. Know where the shut-off valve is!

Drain outside water systems before it gets cold. Swimming pools, sprinkler systems, even water hoses.

Insulate! Water pipes located outside or on outside walls in your home should be insulated. The faucet on the outside, crawlspaces, basements, garages, that extra bathroom or work sink in the seldom used part of the house, etc.

Drip water in those coldest faucets. If you know you have that one bathroom faucet that's in the coldest bathroom in the house, turn it on just enough to drip or light trickle during those sub-freezing times.

Allow heat to get to the pipes. That same faucet in that cold bathroom - open the cabinet doors and allow some heat from the room to get to the pipes underneath.

Learn! There is nothing wrong with learning more about frozen pipes and water damage. Do the research on your own, or seek out a professional to go through your home with you and tell you what they see.

 $Read\ More:\ bobvila.com/articles/frozen-pipes/\ and\ redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm/frozen-pipes.html$



National Do A Grouch A Favor Day is a call to kindness on February 16th. Everyone knows a grouch, and some of us may even be guilty of being one. On February 16th, maybe you can be the one to find the sweeter side of a grouch.

Read the entire article: https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-do-a-grouch-a-favor-day-february-16/

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