

AVOIDING FROZEN PIPES

Winter weather and below zero conditions can lead to frozen water pipes. Prolonged freezing could lead to a broken pipe and leaks that could damage the interior of a building. Here's a few simple steps to help prevent serious and costly problems.



Disconnect exterior hoses
and drain irrigation system.



Know the location
of main water shut-off valves. They can be difficult to find, but look like faucets.



Allow a small trickle of water
to move through pipes by letting faucets drip during extreme cold since moving water is less likely to freeze.



Seal any cracks
that can provide an opening for snow, water or frost.



Maintain a consistent indoor temperature
don't let it drop below 16°C/55°F.

ADDITIONAL TIPS



Monitor weather forecasts
and upcoming cold spells.



Establish effective lines of communication
with residents to warn them about frozen pipes and steps to protect their property. Provide emergency contact information.

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We're here to help!

Winterization is a vital responsibility for strata and condo corporations to ensure the well-being and comfort of residents, as well as to protect the property from potential damage. For more loss control information, don't forget to connect with your BFL CANADA representative to keep your insurance portfolio up to date.