

Long Beach Residents

How to Prevent Frozen Pipes

- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- When the weather is very cold outside, i.e., when anticipating consecutive days with below-zero temps, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water nonstop through the pipe - at a trickle about the size of a #2 pencil lead - helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set it to a temperature no lower than 55° F and shut off the main water valve in home to prevent further water damage.
- Any further questions feel free to call the Water Department at 219-879-9353 or email at lbwaterdept@lbpdin.com