

Barb's tips for thawing your pipes

If you have frozen pipes, first figure out where the problem is. Is there heat tape on your hose AND hydrant? Touch the black part of the heat tape. It should be warm and pliable. If not working, is your gfi outlet working? Use the test and reset buttons to test.

Will your hydrant handle turn off? If not, the hydrant is frozen. Remove insulation and heat tape from hydrant. Disconnect hose. Use a heat gun or blow dryer to thaw.

If pipes under the house are frozen, place a heater under the house to warm the area. Leave a faucet inside open so water can move once thawing starts. Shut faucet off once thawed.

Most susceptible places for freezing are at ground level at the hydrant and the water supply hose under the house. Heat tape and insulation should be on hydrant and run the full length of your water hose until it enters the underside of the house.