



Black Tie Plumbing Is Sharing Essential Cold Weather Preparedness Tips for Grand Prairie Homeowners

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Black Tie Plumbing, a residential and commercial plumbing contractor in Grand Prairie, Texas, is sharing tips for winterizing a home's plumbing. Readers in Grand Prairie are being urged to follow the tips for preparing homes for the cold weather and to reach out to Black Tie Plumbing if they face any problems on their property.

Black Tie Plumbing President Jeremy Boon makes his appeal to local homeowners by saying, "Winter is here. While Texas is not exactly known for brutally cold winters, you never know what to expect. The North American winter storm of February 2022 was a stark reminder for Texans to be prepared for every possibility. If you haven't taken steps to fortify your property's plumbing, now is the time to prepare and ensure that it is ready for cold weather. The best thing you can do is take preventative measures now so your pipes don't freeze during a cold snap."

Though modern home plumbing is quite resilient, once the temperature drops below 32 degrees, the negative

effects start manifesting into real issues and put homes at risk. However, while it may be below freezing outside, it can take a bit more time and a further drop in temperature to freeze a home's plumbing due to some protection from the elements.

During the winter months, even the tiniest little gap in the home's structure can allow frigid air to enter and freeze any water lines and pipes. To avoid this hazard, Black Tie Plumbing recommends keeping all areas of the house with plumbing fixtures at 32 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Once a potential problem has been spotted, it is best to not wait for the inevitable and call a trustworthy and reliable plumbing contractor to fix the issue. Seasoned plumbing technicians, such as those at Black Tie Plumbing, can assist in identifying and resolving potential pipe bursts, and a host of other issues that may go unnoticed by the untrained eye.

Black Tie Plumbing also gives some valuable advice that should help homeowners winterize their plumbing. Automatic sprinkler systems should be turned off and drained before the first frost to help prevent any water from freezing in the pipes or valves. Thermostats should be kept set at 65 degrees or higher, as this will help keep pipes from freezing even in unheated spaces. Outdoor faucets and pipes should be turned off and wrapped with towels or Styrofoam insulation to protect them from freezing temperatures. All exposed pipes in the unheated areas of the home such as basements, attics, or crawl spaces should be preferably insulated with pre-molded insulation sleeves or fiberglass insulation wraps. These can be found at most hardware stores.

Homeowners should also allow indoor faucets to drip slowly to reduce the risk of freezing and bursting. If there are any unheated spaces, such as garages or sheds, they should be winterized by shutting off water supply lines inside the structures and draining all remaining water out of the pipes. Black Tie Plumbing also suggests checking manufacturer recommendations on how best to winterize the home's water heater. Finally, any cracks or holes near pipes where cold air could enter should be sealed up with caulking material so that colder air doesn't reach the plumbing system.

Jeremy Boon reiterates the importance of following the recommended precautions by saying, "If you don't winterize your home's plumbing, you could face frozen or burst pipes, which brings on a world of a mess. Our simple preventative measures can help you save money on repairs. So, at the first sign of a Texas cold snap, follow these steps to keep your family safe and warm and protect your plumbing against cold weather damage this winter season."

Texas residents concerned about freezing and burst pipes can get in touch with Black Tie Plumbing by filling out a contact form on its website. The company is available to serve homeowners and business owners in Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio.

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