

RestoPros of Boise and Treasure Valley Shares Essential Frozen Pipe Prevention Tips for Homeowners

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RestoPros of Boise and Treasure Valley, a leading restoration services provider in Idaho, is reminding local homeowners about the importance of protecting their plumbing systems as winter temperatures continue to threaten residential properties throughout the region. The company is sharing critical prevention strategies to help residents avoid costly water damage from frozen and burst pipes during the coldest months of the year.

Freezing temperatures pose a significant risk to residential plumbing systems across Idaho, particularly when temperatures drop below 20 degrees Fahrenheit. When water freezes inside pipes, it expands by approximately nine percent, creating pressure that can exceed 2,000 pounds per square inch. This extreme pressure often causes pipes to crack or burst, potentially releasing hundreds of gallons of water per hour into homes.

"Every winter, we respond to numerous emergency calls from homeowners dealing with the aftermath of frozen pipes," said Brett Bowman, operations manager at RestoPros of Boise & Treasure Valley. "The

damage can be devastating, affecting walls, flooring, furniture, and personal belongings. Taking simple preventive measures now can save thousands of dollars in restoration costs and protect families from the disruption of water damage."

The company recommends several key strategies for protecting pipes during freezing weather. Homeowners should insulate exposed pipes in unheated areas such as basements, crawl spaces, attics, and garages using pipe sleeves or heat tape. Maintaining consistent indoor temperatures of at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit, even when away from home, helps prevent pipes from reaching freezing temperatures. During extreme cold snaps, allowing faucets to drip slightly keeps water moving through the system, reducing the likelihood of freezing.

Additional protective measures include opening cabinet doors beneath kitchen and bathroom sinks to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing, disconnecting and draining outdoor hoses, and sealing cracks or openings near pipes that allow cold air to enter. Property owners should also know the location of their main water shut-off valve in case emergency action becomes necessary.

For homes with a history of pipe freezing, professional assessment may identify vulnerable areas requiring additional protection. Pipes located in exterior walls, uninsulated spaces, or areas with poor heating circulation face the highest risk of freezing damage.

When frozen pipes do occur, immediate action can minimize damage. Signs of frozen pipes include reduced water flow, unusual sounds from plumbing, or visible frost on exposed pipes. If homeowners suspect frozen pipes, they should immediately shut off the main water supply and contact a professional for assistance. Attempting to thaw pipes with open flames or excessive heat can cause additional damage or create fire hazards.

The economic impact of frozen pipe damage extends beyond immediate Water Damage Restoration Meridian services. Insurance deductibles, temporary housing costs, and replacement of damaged belongings can create significant financial strain for affected families. Prevention remains the most cost-effective approach to protecting properties during winter months.

RestoPros of Boise and Treasure Valley provides 24-hour emergency response services throughout the region, including Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell, Eagle, and surrounding communities. The company specializes in water damage restoration, fire and smoke damage repair, mold remediation, and storm damage restoration, maintaining certification through the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification guidelines.

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