

# WARNING

## Winter Weather Can Cause Burst Pipes

### Before the cold weather arrives:

- ✓ Find your stop cock and make sure you can turn it on and off .
- ✓ Get any dripping taps repaired.
- ✓ Check that pipes and tanks are fully lagged.



### If your home is empty overnight:

- ✓ Leave your heating on while away from home.
- ✓ Open the loft trap door to let warm air circulate.
- ✓ Ask a friend/relative to check your home.

### If pipes or tanks are frozen:

- ✓ Turn off the water at the main stopcock.
- ✓ Remove anything that might be damaged by thawing water.
- ✓ Thaw the pipes by using a hair dryer or hot water bottle.

### If a pipe bursts:

- ✓ Turn off the water at the main supply cock.
- ✓ Switch off any central heating installations.
- ✓ Open all taps to drain the system.



**In an emergency call SIC Housing on 01595 744360  
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