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### **Hard Freeze Predicted; Tips to Protect Plumbing, Pipes, Backflow Assemblies**

A multi-morning hard freeze is predicted for the upcoming weekend. Homeowners, property managers, and business owners should check plumbing, pipes, and backflow assemblies that are exposed to or affected by outdoor temperatures. This includes irrigation systems, evaporative coolers, and cooling towers.

Exposed pipes and plumbing that carry or contain water may freeze in a small area and not have an opportunity to thaw. High temperatures for the next few days may only be in the 50s. Any plumbing in the shade all day will not warm significantly. A burst pipe is capable of causing major water damage and high costs for its repair and water loss.

Customers who need assistance in turning off the main water supply line in the event of a burst pipe can call Tucson Water at its emergency dispatch telephone number at (520) 791-4133.

Foam and wrap insulation are among items that can be used for protection from freezing. There are also options for temporary and overnight protection.

Tucson Water has a web page with “Winterizing Tips” at [www.tucsonaz.gov/water/winter-prep](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/winter-prep). The page includes videos in English and Spanish, information that can be printed or downloaded, and links to current weather conditions and forecasts.

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