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Winter Plumbing Tips

Winter Plumbing Tips from Your Trusted Plumbers

Cold, Canadian winters can really do a number on your home's plumbing system. However, there are a few steps you can take to avoid potentially dangerous and costly problems. As your trusted plumbers in Hamilton, Burlington, Oakville, St. Catharines and surrounding areas, A Rescue Rooter has compiled the following helpful information.

Q: How can I keep my pipes from freezing?

A: The pipes most susceptible to freezing are those around the outside of your house or spaces that are more exposed to the elements (e.g. attics, garages, crawl spaces). It's a good idea to check and make sure your pipes are properly insulated. You can also do the following:

1. *Open doors to kitchen and bathroom cabinets to circulate warmer air*
2. *During extreme cold, you can let cold water drip from the faucet*
3. *Keep your garage door closed*
4. *As a temporary insulation solution, you can wrap towels around an exposed pipe*

Q: What can I do to keep my water heater functioning properly?

A: It's a good idea to monitor the temperature setting on your water heater. You want to make sure it's set high enough to counter the dropping temperatures. If you have a gas water heater, make frequent checks to ensure the pilot light is on.

Q: How can I prevent water line leaks and breaks?

A: Outdoor faucets and garden hoses are a common culprit when it comes to these problems. You simply need to disconnect and drain your hoses before freezing weather strikes. You might consider using insulation around your exterior faucets or even using your shut-off valve.

Taking some simple precautions can help you avoid costly damages and frustration in the long run. If you do have a winter plumbing problem, call the emergency plumbers in Hamilton and surrounding areas at A Rescue Rooter.

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