Winter Weather Preparedness

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Keep Pipes Dripping
Keeping pipes dripping during a freeze helps prevent them from freezing and bursting by allowing water to continuously flow and relieving pressure that builds up due to ice formation.

Open Cabinets
Opening cabinets during a freeze can help prevent pipes located inside from freezing by allowing warm air to circulate around them.

Have an emergency kit
In an emergency preparedness kit for a freeze, you should have blankets, non-perishable food, bottled water, flashlights, batteries, a battery-powered radio, extra clothing, and any necessary medications.

Insulate Exposed Pipes
Insulating pipes during a freeze helps prevent them from freezing and bursting, which can cause extensive damage; to insulate, wrap the pipes with foam pipe insulation or use heat tape.

Unplug Nonessentials
Unplug non-essentials during a freeze to conserve energy and prevent potential hazards such as electrical surges or fires; examples include electronic devices like TVs, gaming consoles, and chargers.

Additional Resources
- Basic Emergency Supply Kit Checklist: https://emergencymanagement.utexas.edu/sites/default/files/2024-09/basic-emergency-supply-kit.png
- Campus Closures Guidelines: https://emergencymanagement.utexas.edu/safety/campus-closures
- 4 P's of Winter Preparedness: https://emergencymanagement.utexas.edu/sites/default/files/2023-11/4-ps-of-winter-preparedness.png

90% of households experience at least one weather-related disaster per year; being prepared with an emergency kit can reduce the severity of impact.

30% of annual insurance claims for water damage are due to frozen or burst pipes, underscoring the significance of understanding how to prevent and address such issues during freezes.

90% of damage can be mitigated through proper emergency kits.

30% of households experience frozen pipes during extreme cold spells, leading to costly damages.