

# Avoid Holiday Plumbing Nightmares: The Importance of Winter Maintenance

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GREENVILLE, SC, UNITED STATES, December 18, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The holiday season is a time for celebration, family gatherings, and cozy nights at home. However, for many homeowners, it can also be a time of unexpected plumbing emergencies. With freezing temperatures, increased water usage, and the added strain of holiday guests, winter is the most critical time to ensure your plumbing system is in top condition.

Jeff Danbom, owner of [One Call Plumbing](#), stresses the importance of proactive plumbing maintenance to prevent disruptions and costly repairs during the holidays.

“Winter can be hard on plumbing systems, especially with the colder temperatures we often experience in Greenville,” Danbom said. “A little preventative maintenance now can save homeowners from dealing with a burst pipe or a backed-up drain when they’re hosting holiday gatherings.”

## The Risks of Winter Plumbing Neglect

As temperatures drop, plumbing systems face unique challenges. Frozen pipes, water heater malfunctions, and clogged drains are just a few of the issues that can disrupt the season's festivities. Homeowners often underestimate the impact winter weather can have on their plumbing, but preparation is key to avoiding costly and stressful repairs.

## Frozen Pipes: A Costly Emergency

One of the most common winter plumbing problems is frozen pipes. When water freezes, it expands, putting pressure on the pipe and often causing it to burst. The result can be significant water damage and expensive repairs.

“Pipes located in unheated areas like basements, crawl spaces, and attics are particularly vulnerable,” Danbom said. “Insulating these pipes is a simple yet effective way to prevent freezing.”

## Increased Water Usage Strains Systems

With family and friends visiting over the holidays, water usage in the home typically spikes. This extra demand can overwhelm plumbing systems, leading to clogs, slow drains, or even sewer backups.

“Holiday meals and extra visitors in the home add to the strain on your plumbing,” Danbom explained. “It’s important to ensure your system is ready to handle the increased load.”

### Water Heaters Work Overtime

Cold weather means water heaters must work harder to provide hot water, especially during times of peak usage. Neglecting water heater maintenance can lead to inefficiencies, cold showers, or even system failures at the worst possible time.

“A well-maintained water heater is essential for holiday comfort,” Danbom said. “Regular flushing and inspections can extend its lifespan and improve efficiency.”

### Winter Plumbing Maintenance: Tips for Peace of Mind

To help homeowners avoid plumbing problems this winter, Danbom and the team at One Call Plumbing recommend these simple yet effective steps:

#### 1. Insulate Exposed Pipes

Pipes in unheated areas should be insulated to prevent freezing. Foam pipe insulation or heat tape can provide an added layer of protection.

#### 2. Let Faucets Drip on Cold Nights

A small drip can relieve pressure in the system and reduce the risk of frozen pipes. This is especially important for faucets connected to pipes in exterior walls.

#### 3. Service Your Water Heater

Regular water heater maintenance, including flushing sediment from the tank, checking the thermostat, and inspecting for leaks, ensures optimal performance and efficiency.

#### 4. Inspect and Clear Drains

Keep drains clear of debris to prevent clogs, especially in the kitchen. Avoid pouring grease or oil down the drain, as these can solidify in colder temperatures and cause blockages.

#### 5. Check Outdoor Faucets and Hoses

Disconnect and drain garden hoses, and cover outdoor faucets with insulation to protect them from freezing temperatures.

#### 6. Schedule a Professional Inspection

A plumbing inspection from a licensed professional can identify potential issues before they become major problems, ensuring your system is ready for winter.

“Preventative maintenance is the best way to avoid plumbing emergencies,” Danbom said. “Our team is here to help homeowners in Greenville enjoy a stress-free holiday season.”

### Why Winter Plumbing Maintenance Matters

Beyond the holiday season, winter plumbing maintenance helps homeowners save money, reduce energy usage, and protect their property from water damage. A little preparation can go a long way in ensuring a comfortable, hassle-free season.

### Financial Savings

Preventing issues like frozen pipes and water heater failures reduces the need for costly emergency repairs. Additionally, maintaining your water heater can lower energy bills by improving its efficiency.

### Protecting Your Home

Water damage from burst pipes or leaks can cause significant damage to floors, walls, and belongings. Winter maintenance minimizes this risk and keeps your home safe and dry.

### Peace of Mind

The holiday season should be a time for joy, not stress. By addressing potential plumbing problems before they arise, homeowners can focus on what matters most—spending time with loved ones.

### One Call Plumbing: Your Trusted Partner in Winter Maintenance

At One Call Plumbing, the team understands the unique challenges of winter plumbing in Greenville, SC. With years of experience and a commitment to exceptional service, they provide comprehensive maintenance, repairs, and installations to keep homes running smoothly year-round.

“Our goal is to help homeowners avoid the headaches and expense of plumbing emergencies,” Danbom said. “We’re here to provide reliable solutions so they can enjoy the holidays without worry.”

### Schedule Your Winter Plumbing Check-Up Today

Homeowners in Greenville and the surrounding areas are encouraged to schedule their winter plumbing maintenance with One Call Plumbing before the holiday season is in full swing.

“Now is the time to act,” Danbom urged. “A small investment in maintenance can save you from big problems down the road. Don’t let a plumbing emergency ruin your holidays—let us help you stay prepared.”

For more information or to schedule a service appointment, visit [One Call Plumbing’s website](#).

### About One Call Plumbing

One Call Plumbing is a trusted provider of residential and commercial plumbing services in Greenville, SC, and the surrounding areas. The company specializes in high-quality repairs, maintenance, and installations. With a focus on customer satisfaction and reliable service, One

Call Plumbing has become a go-to choice for homeowners seeking peace of mind and expert solutions.

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