

Boston Fire Department

Cold Weather Safety Reminders

Frozen Pipes

Do NOT use open flames for thawing frozen pipes; Use a hair drying or rags soaked in hot water or other non-flame type device for such purpose.

To prevent pipes from freezing, keep heat at adequate levels or leave faucet open with slight drip.

Leave kitchen cabinet doors open if pipes are subject to freezing.

If you do loose heat, shut down and drain water system.

Heating/Cooking/Candles

Liquid or gas fired portable space heaters are illegal in Massachusetts.

Use electric space heaters with extreme care. Follow manufacturer's instructions. Keep safe distance from combustible surfaces (3 ft.).

Do not use ovens as heater.

Never bring charcoal or gas grills indoors. (They are a carbon monoxide hazard.)

Never leave candles unattended.

Make sure all portable heat producing appliances are unplugged when not in use (irons, hair dressing devices, etc.)

Keep dryer vents clear of snow and ice.