



With temperatures slated to drop down to the low 20s this evening (with some areas dropping into the upper teens), now may be a good time to check on your pipes before heading off to bed (or doing more work and forgetting to do it).

Incidentally, [metro Birmingham area is under a hard freeze warning until 8 a.m. tomorrow \(Tuesday\) morning](#); we'll also be under a fire weather advisory from 12 - 8 p.m.

There's a never ending supply of tips available for review to help prepare the house for the overnight hard freeze. Here are [some tips to prevent frozen pipes from State Farm's website](#); here's [another list courtesy of eHow](#).

If you don't stumble across this until Tuesday morning and you've realized that your pipes are frozen, you may want to [check out these tips on how to thaw them out](#).

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