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One of the most important factors is to keep facilities warm enough to prevent pipes from freezing. Most sources indicate that heat should be left on and set to no lower than 55ºF. (12.78º C.). If you know that your building is poorly insulated, leaks cold air through windows, and has areas that do not get as warm as others, you should turn the heat up accordingly. Prop interior doors open if necessary to get even heating throughout. In extreme circumstances, if there is no heat available and as a last resort, it may be necessary to let the cold water run continuously. A stream of water about the size of a pencil width is recommended. Significant damage can occur if a vacant building has a burst pipe and it goes undetected. Make it a practice during cold weather to check buildings daily and more frequently where possible.

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