

Insulation Tenting

Does your property have an unheated attic with water pipes or fire sprinkler lines running through it? If the answer is yes, Hanover suggests you become familiar with “Insulation Tenting”—an inexpensive maintenance practice that if done properly—can safeguard pipes against freezing.

Insulation Tenting is a simple procedure that essentially involves positioning attic insulation in such a way that it captures heat from the space below to prevent water inside the pipes from freezing.

Insulation of the correct thickness should be laid over the top of pipes, not underneath, and as much of the piping as possible should be in contact with the ceiling.

Hanover also suggests that maintenance staff and utility workers be trained so that they understand the importance of not moving or damaging insulation while they are working inside the attic.

During severe weather, wind may enter the attic through soffits and gable vents, causing insulation to shift. Regular attic inspections are therefore recommended.

What should you do to maintain this protection against freeze ups?

- Place insulation over the pipes—not under them.
- Pipes should be completely covered—no gaps.
- Periodically inspect to make sure insulation has not shifted and remains in place.
- Ensure that much of the piping is in contact with the ceiling. This will allow heat from the room below to warm the pipes.

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