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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a news article on the myfoxatlanta.com website. The article is titled "Insulating Pipes Could Prevent Winter Home Headaches" and is dated Monday, Dec 5, 2011. The author is Tacoma Perry. The article includes a video player showing a person insulating pipes and a quote from Kathy Nguyen of the Cobb County Water System. The website header features the FOX 5 logo and navigation links. A weather widget shows 43 degrees and cloudy conditions. Social media sharing options for Facebook, Twitter, FARK, and Digg are visible.

## Insulating Pipes Could Prevent Winter Home Headaches

It's getting colder and colder each day and freezing temperatures bring with them the threat of frozen pipes.

If you've ever dealt with frozen pipes you know how inconvenient and costly they can be. But the solution is in prevention.

As the temperature drops, your chance of getting frozen pipes goes up. Kathy Nguyen of the Cobb County Water System says finding and fixing a water leak now can save you loads of trouble in the long run.

"People don't realize that once a leak is in your plumbing system, you're responsible for that water and it's just lost so you're paying for water and not even getting a benefit from it," said Kathy Nguyen of the Cobb County Water System. She says watch the weather. If you hear the temperature is going to take a

dip, at the very least open your cabinet doors to expose your pipes to the warm air in your house. But the best thing to do is to wrap your pipes with insulation.

"It's really simple because most of them come pre-split and all you do is fit this over the existing pipe. That extra insulation is extra protection," said Nguyen.

This also includes outdoor spigots.

"You can cut that same insulation and just slide it over the pipe."

Another easy way to reduce the risk of frozen pipes is to leave your faucets dripping slowly.

"You don't want a stream of water. You only want to see just a little drip that's pretty consistent. It just keeps it from stagnating with water in it that will freeze."

You'll know your pipes are already frozen if you wake up in the morning, go to open your faucet and you get nothing. But it's still not too late to prevent further damage.

"Go to your main shut off in the house, then shut the water off to the pipe. Call a plumber immediately. You're going to have the plumbing bill to repair the pipe but you're not going to have the huge water loss and the big water bill that go along with it."

If you're going out of town, make sure you pay attention to your pipes. Cut off the water all together or at the very least leave your faucet dripping.