Winter Freeze Alert Kit

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In the box (may arrive in two packages): 1 YoLink Hub (YS1603) with power cable, adapter and Ethernet cable · 3 YoLink YS8017 temperature sensors (two AA batteries each) · 3 YoLink Water Leak Sensor 4 (two AAA batteries each). Follow the current manufacturer instructions if app screens change.

> **This kit alerts you. It does not prevent freezing.** It doesn't heat the house, shut off water or send anyone. Keep the heat on (the American Red Cross says no lower than 55°F when you're away in cold weather), keep power and internet on, and line up someone nearby who can get inside.

1. Before you start

- The hub needs outlet power and home internet by Ethernet or 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi (not 5 GHz-only).
- Install the YoLink app on your phone, sign in or create your own account, and allow notifications.
- No internet at the house this winter? This kit can't reach you. Use the Power-Out & No-Wi-Fi Alert Kit (cellular-capable hub) instead.

2. Connect the hub

1. Power the hub with the supplied cable and adapter. The simplest connection is the supplied Ethernet cable to your router; for Wi-Fi, follow the YS1603 instructions in the app.
2. Add the hub in the app by scanning its QR code. Confirm it shows online.
3. **Turn on the hub-offline alert:** in the hub's Device Details, choose "View your alarm strategies," tap +, make sure the hub is selected, and pick app, email and/or text notifications. This notice is not instant.

3. Pair all six sensors

1. Install or activate the batteries as the included instructions direct.
2. Add each sensor in the app with its QR code. Name each one by location (for example "Kitchen sink" or "Basement").
3. Check that all six show a current reading or status in the app.

4. Where each sensor goes

Sensor	Spot	Why
Temperature 1	Main living area, away from heat registers, sunny windows and appliances	Tells you whether the heat is keeping the house warm
Temperature 2	Inside the cabinet under the kitchen (or bath) sink on an outside wall	The Red Cross lists kitchen cabinets and exterior walls among the places pipes freeze most often
Temperature 3	Basement or crawl space, near where the water line comes in	Unheated spaces and the spot where water service enters the house are common freeze points (Red Cross)
Leak 1	On the floor or in the drain pan beside the water heater	YoLink suggests water heaters, sinks and washing machines for leak sensors
Leak 2	Behind the washing machine	Same: one of YoLink's suggested leak-sensor spots
Leak 3	Under the sink you worry about most, or near the main shutoff	The spot where you would most want to know about water first

The YS8017 is rated −4°F to 122°F and IP65. The leak sensors are indoor devices; set them flat so the bottom probes touch the floor.

5. Set your alert limits

- For each temperature sensor, turn on a **low-temperature alert** in the app. The limit is your choice. One simple approach: if the thermostat is at 55°F, set the alert a few degrees lower (for example 50°F) so you hear about a heating problem before the house nears freezing. A crawl-space sensor will read colder; set its limit after you watch a few days of readings.
- For each leak sensor, turn on the leak alert and, if you want it, the 105 dB on-device alarm and the app's low-temperature warning.
- Choose push, email and/or text. YoLink limits the number of free text messages.

6. Test before you leave

1. With every sensor in its final spot, confirm all are online.
2. Briefly set one temperature limit just above the current reading and make sure your phone gets the alert. Then set it back.
3. Touch a damp cloth to a leak sensor's probes to trigger a leak alert, then dry it.

4. Give a neighbor or local contact a key and a plan for what to do if you get an alert.
5. Check readings and battery levels in the app every so often while you're away.

Sources: American Red Cross, Frozen Pipes (redcross.org) · YoLink YS8017, YS1603 and Water Leak Sensor 4 product pages · YoLink hub manual, "Alarm Strategy (Hub Offline Alarm)" (yosmart.com/help/docs/products/YS1606-UC/YS1606-UC_instruction.pdf).

Self-setup hardware kit, not an installation or monitoring service. Alerts depend on power, internet, batteries, app settings and YoLink service. An alert doesn't guarantee against freezing or water damage.

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