



Water Damage Prevention

Water damage can create a stressful situation for the homeowner and/or renter. In some cases it can even cause health and safety concerns as well as considerable property loss.

A regularly scheduled maintenance program should include such procedures as:

- Inspecting plumbing lines
- Checking the basement and mechanical equipment
- Checking points of exterior water intrusion

In many cases, however, even regularly scheduled maintenance may not discover damage until it has already occurred. The following water detection devices provide greater security in reducing the risk of water damage claims:

- Sump pumps may be the best protection against water in the basement; they should be well maintained and tested regularly. A very inexpensive and highly recommended option is to install a battery backup which may become crucial during a power outage.
- A passive leak detector alerts the homeowner with an alarm if there is even a small leak. This device will reduce water damage if someone hears the alarm and acts accordingly to stop the leak.
- Active leak-detection systems are an improved version of passive leak detectors. An alarm will sound at the same time that the device stops the water flow. These systems can be connected to all water sources in the house and to a centrally monitored alarm system.
- Water Flow sensors can detect a broken water line or a frozen pipe. They are installed in the main water line and will close a plumbing valve if water flow exceeds the need that was originally programmed.
- Temperature monitoring sensors help prevent frozen pipes from bursting during winter months. This system may be installed as part of the centrally monitored alarm system and is especially helpful for seasonal homes.

In addition to regularly scheduled maintenance, the devices mentioned will assist you in preventing water damage losses. Call us for more information about water detection devices you can install in your home.

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