

WATER DAMAGE PREVENTION CHECKLIST

- Is it valuable? Don't store it on the basement floor. Keep valuables on shelves instead.
- Make sure to keep an up-to-date home inventory list. Keep one at home, and one off-site in a safe place.
- Locate your shut-off valves (main water, dishwasher, hot water tank, sinks, toilets) and know how to turn them off in case of emergency.
- Make sure to keep your basement floor drains clear.
- Get a professional to install sump pumps and backwater valves and get them inspected once a year.
- Make sure all your appliance hoses (washer, dishwasher, refrigerator, etc) are in good working order.
- Does your hot water tank show signs of leaking or rust? You may need to replace it.
- Keep an eye on your eavestroughs. Make sure they are clear of debris such as leaves or ice buildup.
- Do all your downspouts have extensions? Having an extension installed will direct water away from your home, and help keep it out of your basement.
- Is your roof in good shape? Make sure to check it out twice a year. If your shingles are looking a little worse for wear, get them fixed or replaced.
- Have you installed window wells on basement or ground level windows? Consider replacing older clay piping with metal, PVC or ABS pipes.

**To report a water damage claim,
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