

## Home Protection Water

### Why You Need to Pay Attention to Water to Help Protect Your Home

As a homeowner, you have a lot to think about when it comes to taking care of your home. But one thing you may not have considered is how water-connected appliances and systems can lead to water damage. Learn how to proactively defend against potential water issues. Just a few simple tasks can help you come home happy.

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### Check it out. Get some tips. Come home happy.

Welcome. Come on in and take a quick tour. Find the places where water issues may be hiding in your house.

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## 9 Home Areas to Keep an Eye on for Water Issues:

### 1. AC Unit

#### Check the drain pan.

Extreme temperatures in an attic can cause plastic drain pans to crack and leak. An overflow sensor switch in the pan will shut off the air conditioning system if the pan is full. A leaking pan or malfunctioning sensor can lead to a bigger issue.



**Helpful Tip.**

Check the drain pan and test the overflow sensor switch regularly.

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**2. Shower****Check caulking around the tub or shower.**

Sealants (caulking) used to seal the perimeter of a tub or shower can fail over time. Look for cracks, missing caulking or other signs of wear and tear.

**Helpful Tip.**

Regularly check sealants to ensure they are properly sealing against unwanted water intrusion.

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**3. Washer****Check the supply lines.**

Supply lines are made of rubber or braided stainless steel. A cracked line could lead to damage to the room where the leak occurred, as well as the floor below.

**Helpful Tip.**

Turn off the water supply, whether your washer is on an upper floor or in the basement, when you're not running the machine.

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## 4. Toilet

### Inspect inside the tank.

Look for corrosion, degradation or discoloration. Remember that some cleaning products that can be added to the tank can prematurely degrade the components.



### Helpful Tip:

Check the components in your toilet tank regularly, and if they show signs of wear and tear, replace them.

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## 5. Fridge

### Inspect water supply line.

Inspect water supply line. Look for kinks, cracks and other signs of wear and tear in the water supply line.



### Helpful Tip:

If you move your refrigerator to inspect the supply line, be careful not to damage or kink the line when you put it back into place.

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## 6. Sink

### Check fittings and connections.

If you notice a drip or signs of a leak or other potential plumbing problems, call a professional immediately.



**Helpful Tip.**

Install a smart water sensor under your sink to be alerted early to signs of a leak.

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## **7. Sump Pump**

**Inspect and test it.**

To test your sump pump to see if it's functioning properly, pour water into the sump (pit) to make sure the pump kicks on.



**Helpful Tip:**

The float inside the sump will begin to rise with the water and activate the pump, an indication that it's working.

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## **8. Water Heater**

**Check the life expectancy.**

Corrosion on the external pipe on the tank could be a sign of internal problems. Look for crystal-like deposits that may be white, blue or green.



**Helpful Tip:**

Water heaters don't last forever. Check the manufacturer's warranty for guidance about the lifespan of your water heater.

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**9. Main Water Shut-Off Valve**

**Know where it is; make sure it works.**

In the event of a sudden water leak, the main shut-off valve can stop the flow of water to your home and help mitigate resulting damage.



**Helpful Tip:**

It's a good idea to locate your main water valve and flag it with tape or a tag to help people spot it.

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