

# how to stop water damage before it starts.

94%

of homes have smoke detectors, but water damage is **SIX TIMES** more likely than fire<sup>1</sup>

75%

of water heaters fail before they're 12 years old<sup>1</sup>

250 gallons

of water can leak from a  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch pipe crack per day<sup>1</sup>

\$9,633

the average cost of a water damage claim<sup>1</sup>

3.5 days

the average time it takes a mitigation unit to dry out a home<sup>2</sup>

## Common culprits



Leaky appliance



Burst pipe



Sump pump backup



HVAC issue



Water heater fail

## What can you do?

See back for tips on how to protect your home.



Ask your independent agent about our rebates on smart leak detectors for your home.



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## DIY prevention



### Water bill

An increase may indicate you have a leak somewhere.



### Main water valve

Know where yours is so you can shut it off quickly if needed.



### Sump pump

Test it at least once a year. Consider adding a battery backup or upgrading to a pump with a water-powered backup.



### Water heater

Inspect it annually for signs of corrosion or leaks.



### Hoses

Replace appliance hoses every five years. Steel-braided ones are best.

## Smart tech detectors

Consider installing a smart device to alert you if your home springs a leak.

### Point of loss

vs.

### Whole home

These devices can only detect a leak where placed.

These sensors monitor water usage throughout your home.

### Passive

vs.

### Active

Alerts you when water loss is detected.

Lets you know there's a leak, and can automatically shut off the water.

### Best for:

Apartment and home renters  
Condo owners

### Best for:

Single-home owners  
Second-home owners

Frequent travelers  
Small-business owners

### Do-it-yourself

vs.

### Professional

Can be installed by anyone.  
Lower upfront cost.

Requires cutting into the pipe. Cost is roughly equivalent to installing a pressure-regulating valve.

### Battery

vs.

### Plug-in

Makes it easy to fit locations far from an outlet.

May require additional electrical work, increasing the upfront cost.

### Weatherproof

vs.

### Indoor

Can be used indoors or outdoors.

Can only be used inside your home.

<sup>1</sup>Source: <https://www.iii.org> <sup>2</sup>Source: Safeco® data

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