

## KEEP WATER IN ITS PLACE

Water is a necessity in our daily lives, but it can wreak havoc in your home if it runs loose. This costly and burdensome damage is more common than you may think.

**One in 50**

The share of insured homes that file a property damage claim caused by water damage or freezing each year<sup>1</sup>

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Water damage is the second most frequently filed homeowners claim<sup>1</sup>

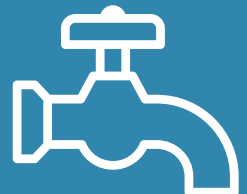
**\$9,633**

Average cost of a claim due to water damage or freezing<sup>1</sup>

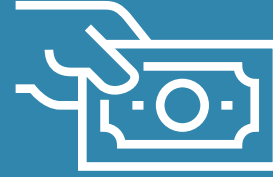
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Average number of days it takes a mitigation unit to dry out a home<sup>2</sup>

### Tips to protect your home from water damage



**KNOW** where your main water valve is located so you can shut it off quickly in case of an emergency.



**MONITOR** your water bill. A bigger water bill may indicate you have a leak somewhere.



**REPLACE** the hoses on your washing machine, dishwasher and other appliances periodically. Consider replacing a rubber hose with a steel-braided one to increase durability and longevity.



**TEST** your sump pump at least once per year to make sure it's working when you need it most! If your pump doesn't have an alternate power source, add a battery backup or upgrade to a pump with a water-powered backup.



**CLEAN** your gutters and downspouts regularly to ensure water moves through them properly and drains away from your foundation.



**INSPECT** your water heater annually for signs of corrosion or leaks. Aging water heaters can weaken over time, increasing their likelihood of rupturing.

**Water intrusion can impact even the most prepared homeowner, but don't fear – water detection technology is here to help!**



#### WIRELESS LEAK SENSORS

connect to your wireless network and communicate with a central device or send a notification directly to your smartphone when they encounter moisture.



#### SMART WATER VALVES

are a great backup option and will automatically shut off the main water supply if an abnormal water flow is detected.

**No matter the outcome, Safeco's water mitigation program is here for you, with program vendors who deliver:**



#### QUALITY

Professionally licensed vendors and their techniques meet industry standards.



#### FAST SERVICE

For the majority of claims, our vendors contact the customer within one hour after the claim is reported and arrive at the home within four hours.



#### EFFICIENCY

Safeco's claims team works closely with vendors to coordinate and monitor the drying process.

Whether you use one of Safeco's water mitigation program vendors or choose one outside of the program, our water mitigation team members will work directly with the vendor to coordinate and monitor the mitigation every step of the way – from the initial on-site inspection until the drying process is complete.

<sup>1</sup>www.iii.org

<sup>2</sup>Safeco® data

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