

How Can You Prevent Water Damage?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure pipes are insulated where required and never located in exterior walls where freezing is possible.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Perform regular building/HVAC inspections and maintenance as scheduled.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) drip pans clean, flowing properly, and unobstructed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inspect all plumbing connections and fittings for signs of leaks and/or corrosion.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure fire sprinkler systems are professionally maintained and tested.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Be prepared for power failure and weather Issues. In the event of a power failure, a backup generator or alternate power source should be able to keep sump pumps operating properly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure gutters are sloped away from the building for proper drainage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Test your water pressure. Water pressure should not exceed 80 psi. If it does, water pressure regulators should be installed by a licensed contractor who follows the local building code specifications.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have easily accessible plans in place to respond promptly to water damage. These should include emergency contact information, such as emergency contractors, police and electricians.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Immediately take corrective action when stained or softening walls or ceilings are noticed, as this may indicate a water intrusion problem.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If it is determined that a water intrusion problem exists, engage a qualified professional to evaluate the damage and determine if the building is suitable for continued occupancy. Make sure all problems are corrected before the building is occupied.

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