

Help Prevent Broken Supply Line Hoses



It doesn't have to rain for days for your home to have water damage. You could discover water problems on a beautiful sunny day! Whether it's an overloaded washing machine, an overflowing toilet, a leaking water heater, or a broken supply line, water damage and cleanup can be devastating and costly.

Inspect Your Plumbing

Inspect around your water heater, washer, dishwasher, sinks, lavatories and refrigerator icemaker. If hoses indicate wear, replace them. If you feel a bulge, shut off the supply to that line immediately. **Consider replacing hoses to major appliances such as your washer and dishwasher every two to five years. Steel, so-called "no burst" hoses have been shown to have a longer lifespan than other models.** Most appliance are delivered with standard rubber hoses.

Focus on Washing Machines

The water to the washing machine should always be turned off when the machine is not in use. Leaving the water on places the washing machine hoses and valves under constant pressure. The life of the washing machine hose can be prolonged if the water is turned on only when the machine is in use.

Washing machine hoses need to be checked regularly and replaced periodically. Most failures occur at the coupling. Always change hoses when a new machine is purchased, or you move to a new location. Regardless of the material the hose is made of, it needs to be checked and changed regularly.

Did You Know That Washing Machines Hoses are Under Constant Stress Due to the Force of an Average of 70 pounds of Water Pressure?

Additional Recommendations

Never leave the house with appliances, such as dishwashers, washers or dyers, still operating.

When you go on vacation, turn off the water to your washer while you're out of town. Many homeowners have returned from vacation to find their washer hoses have burst, flooding their homes.

Look at your water bill. By comparing monthly usage figures, you may get tipped off to a small leak before it becomes a big problem. Major, unexplained fluctuations in your water bill are often a sign of water leaks.



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