



WATER DAMAGE

HAZARD AREAS & PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS

INDOOR

! Basement Flooding due to sewer backup

- Reduce water use during heavy rainfall
- Keep outdoor storm sewer grates clear
- Ensure basement floor drains are clear from debris
- Keep items off the floor in unfinished basements
- Install a back-flow valve or a backup generator (for sump pumps)
- Let your insurer know if you have a finished basement to ensure appropriate sewer back up coverage
- Talk to your municipality/government about sewage backup or flooding that you've experienced in your basement

! Leaks from cracks in walls and foundation

- Seal cracks in foundation walls and basement floors

! Basement flooding due to eavestrough overflow

- Install downspout extensions and direct waterflow away from the home or install a rain barrel

! Overflow or leaks from toilets, tubs, sinks

- Ensure drains are clear from debris
- Know where the shut off valve is, if no shut off valves, consider installing shut off valves

! Leaks from appliances

- Check appliances regularly and check water source hoses for wear/tear and replace when necessary
- Replace or maintain older appliances

! Broken or burst pipes

- Know where the water shut off valves are or the main water shut off valve for the entire home (ensure that it is working, check it every 6 months)
- Check plumbing for corrosion, buckling, bulging or cracks and replace
- Consider reinforced braided stainless steel hoses. The new braided hoses are more durable however they should be replaced every 15 years
- Avoid pouring fats, oils and grease down your drains

! Water Tank leakage/burst

- Know the age of the water tank and replace every 10-15 years depending on condition, keep water tank maintained and check for corrosion

OUTDOOR

! Roof - Heavy rains / Snow / Heavy Winds / Hail damage

- Maintain roof/shingles - repair or replace every 15-20 years depending on condition
- Ensure proper ventilation
- Safely clear off snow/ice from roof in winter

! Eavestrough overflow

- Maintain eavestroughs and keep them clear of debris

! Window and door seals

- Properly seal windows and doors and install window wells for basement windows.