

4 Signs of Water Damage Inside Walls

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Water damage inside walls can weaken or destroy your home's structural supports and invite rapidly spreading growth of dangerous mold. Structural damage can become a safety hazard, presenting a risk of potentially serious injuries to people and damage or destruction of your most important possessions. A mold infestation due to dampness behind walls can cause severe health effects. It is urgent that you identify the cause of water damage in your home quickly, to save your family and property from a potentially disastrous situation.

Extensive structural damage due to an undetected water leak can require a costly cleanup and a comparatively lengthy restoration process. Here is some information from Utah Flood Cleanup to help you be aware of the most frequent indicators of water leaks and water damage that are often overlooked until it's too late.

Causes of Water Damage in Your Home

There are many possible causes of water damage in homes. Some are apparent and others take a closer investigation to identify them. For example, a broken pipe or a big hole in the roof is typically easy enough to find quickly. But, a common cause of water damage is a small slow leak that is much less obvious.

Many leaks are inside walls, around windows, or running along a grade in the roof or pitched ceiling, or along plumbing lines. Sometimes leaking water surfaces on a wall that is several rooms away from the origin of the leak. A little hidden slow drip from a pipe, water heater, air conditioner, or window seal, or a small roof leak, can lead to serious structural damage.

4 Signs of Water Damage in Your Home

Here are the usual signs of water damage in homes. If you notice one or more of these indicators, you should contact Utah Flood Cleanup as soon as possible for inspection, leak repair, and water damage restoration.

Brown or Yellow Stains on Ceilings and Walls

You should not try to make these stains disappear by simply painting over them. That cannot fix the problem that is causing the stains. Therefore, the stains can be expected to reemerge through the new layer of paint. Meanwhile, the leak causing the stains continues, possibly doing even greater water damage inside walls and elsewhere.

Paint Peeling, Bubbling, or Flaking

Water from a leak behind a wall may penetrate the wall and cause the paint to be pushed outward by the pressure of the water filling the drywall. Paint bubbling on wall surfaces can indicate that damage is potentially spreading through the structural supports and other building components behind the wall and in the drywall.

Drywall Warped, Swelling, or Soft

Water leaking behind a wall can cause damage to structural studs, insulation, and drywall. Eventually, the water building up in these materials can lead to warping, bulging, or softening areas on the drywall. In some cases, swelling walls can cause sagging or cracking of the *ceiling*. That can present a safety hazard to people and possessions in the room under the compromised ceiling.

Signs of Mold Spread in Your Home

Mold flourishes in damp, dark places. So, when leaking water is causing hidden structural components to be moist, a mold infestation can spread across large expanses of concealed spaces. Wood studs, drywall, carpet pads, the backs and bottoms of furniture, draperies, etc., can become infested with mold. A tell-tale musty odor is a good indicator that significant mold has spread.

What Should I Do If I Find Signs of Water Damage?

If you suspect that there is water damage in your house, check areas that appear most likely to lead to the source of the water leak. Then, inspect areas between the damage and the leak source. If the leak is from above, inspect all areas of your property on the roof, in the attic, ceiling, walls, floors, windows, outlets, basement, exterior eaves, siding, and attached garage.

Look for more signs of water damage in walls, and water running along plumbing or electrical lines or seams. Water will flow along the path of least resistance and sometimes go in surprising directions. So be thorough in your home inspection.

Water Damage Restoration By Utah Flood Cleanup

We specialize in water damage restoration and mold abatement. We can quickly repair leaks impacting your home's structure and provide complete top-quality water damage restoration, so you can start enjoying your comfortable home again very soon.

For inspection, leak repair, or restoration, call Utah Flood Cleanup at (801) 416-2666 or contact us online as soon as possible to schedule with your city's service team.
