

4 Winter Water Damage Prevention Tips

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Winter time is always a nightmare for many homeowners. ***Apart from the freezing temperatures, this is also the time that water disasters are most likely to happen.*** You might have spent a lot of time putting everything in order just before the onset of winter, but a disappointment can still occur at the most inopportune time. Keep in mind that ***water damage can be the most expensive repair in your home.*** Here are some of the proven ways that will help you to avoid winter water damage.

1. Turn the Water Off When Leaving Town

It's winter and many families will be leaving town to enjoy their holidays in different locations away from Utah. If you will be spending extended periods away from home, make sure that you shut off the main water supply to your home to avoid coming back home to a water damage cleanup. ***The only thing worse than a burst pipe during winter is a burst pipe when you are away.*** This is a simple tip that can save you from a lot of trouble when you finally come back home from your holiday. You should also ensure that you ***leave your heat pump on even if it is low. The heat will prevent your pipes from freezing.***

2. Invest in a Water Leak Detection Gadget

A minor leak can lead to an expensive damage that can cost you a lot of money to repair if it goes unnoticed. If a pipe leak starts while you are away or when it is behind a wall, it can be difficult to detect. Installing a water leak detection device will ***alert you whenever there is a***

leak and help you deal with it before it wreaks havoc in your home. A typical leak detection device comprises of a sensor that you can set up under your dishwasher, sink, refrigerator, or near your water heater. These sensors will sound an alarm whenever they detect any moisture or a significant change in the amount of water used in your home which signals a possible leak somewhere. **Advanced sensors will even monitor the flow of water in your home and can automatically turn off the water valve if they are a significant change in the flow.**

3. Insulate Your Water Pipes

When it comes to winter weather, insulating your pipes is one of the best ways of preventing water damage repair to your home. Keep in mind that **when the temperature drops, the water expands and can lead to the freezing and bursting of your pipes.** Make sure that you insulate all pipes that are in your attics, crawlspaces, and exterior walls. You should also insulate your attic floor to prevent ice dams from forming.

4. Clean Your Gutters and Conduct Roof Inspection

Take your time to remove all the debris and leaves that might have accumulated in your gutter over time to avoid clogging them. Keep in mind that **clogged gutters will send water pouring under your roof or on the side of your house.** You should also contact a roofing professional to inspect your roof and replace all missing shingles and repair the damaged ones that can let water into your home.

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