

# Common Causes of Commercial Water Damage

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When someone opens a local business, there are a number of hazards that everyone needs to keep in mind. One of the most common causes of damage to local businesses comes in the form of water. When business owners think about how water might damage their local business, they are probably picturing a massive storm, possibly a hurricane, that shuts down their business for days or weeks at a time. The reality is that storms are a relatively rare form of damage to buildings. The more common forms of water hazards come in the form of unpredictable events. It is important for everyone to keep a few of the most common forms of water damage to commercial buildings in mind.

## Sprinkler Systems

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Sprinkler systems are put in place to protect businesses from fires; however, sprinkler systems can also malfunction, leading to widespread water damage throughout the building. The older sprinkler systems are, the more likely they are to malfunction. Outdated sprinkler systems can lead to serious flood damage if they have been neglected, are faulty, or are otherwise in need of replacement. Broken sprinkler systems can lead to widespread inventory loss and destruction of key hardware via a flooded office.

## Broken Equipment and Appliances

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Sometimes, commercial water damage can come in the form of appliances and equipment that start to break. There are numerous types of appliances that might break, such as sinks, toilets, washing machines, dryers, and more. When these devices start to

back up, water is spread throughout the building. This can be a particularly large problem if nobody is around overnight to notice the problem.

## Rupturing Pipes

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Like residential forms of water damage, pipes and plumbing are prone to breaking or bursting. When the temperatures start to drop outside, it is important to make sure that water flows through the pipes on a regular basis. Otherwise, water in the pipes may start to freeze. Because water expands when it freezes, this may lead to a broken pipe and water leak damage. Big breaks can lead to a flooded building in the blink of an eye.

## Sewer Lines that Back Up

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A common cause of commercial water damage, sewer lines can back up and catch everyone by surprise. When sewer lines back up, one of the biggest dangers is black water. This is particularly toxic and might completely ruin not only electronic devices but office furnishing as well. Therefore, it is important for every business owner to stay up to date on maintenance throughout the building. It might prevent a commercial water disaster.

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