

Top 10 Places for Water Leaks in Homes

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Leaks are common. Still, it's usually startling to discover a water leak somewhere in your home. That's understandable because common water leaks in houses are often responsible for extensive property damage that is very costly to repair. The good news is that you can prevent the most typical leaks by periodic inspecting the places where leaks most frequent. Use the list below, provided by Utah Flood Cleanup, to conduct routine checks of areas in your home where a leak is most likely to happen.

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Address a water leak quickly, before it develops into a serious problem that threatens health and safety, and before it becomes very costly and much more inconvenient to repair. To avoid leaks, identify the areas of your home that are most vulnerable to water leakage and maintain those locations as necessary for leak prevention. Here are the top 10 places where there is most likely to be a leak in a house:

Roof

Over the years, weather and aging take their toll on your roof. If you discover water leaking through the roof, the decking may be separated, or flashing may be insufficiently sealed. Roof leaks in heavy rain also commonly occur around seams between sections of roof and chimneys, HVAC equipment, exhaust pipes, or attic vents.

Gutters

Gravity makes rainwater run along the slope of your gutters toward the downspout. If the guttering slope is not angled correctly, or if the gutters have started to sag over the years, leaks can spill over the sides of the gutters. Aging or filling up with debris from trees can cause water to puddle in sections. That promotes corrosion, which eventually can cause it to start leaking.

Attic

A roof leak in a home's attic can go undetected for a long time until it finally starts coming through the ceiling of a frequently used room below. When the leak is finally noticed, mold may be flourishing across vast areas of the attic's wood structure, insulation, and ceiling drywall. Damage may be too extreme to save the construction components. Prevent the risk of severe structural damage to your home by periodically inspecting your attic for leaks and investigate any spots that appear on the ceilings of any of your living spaces.

Kitchen

Persistent drips or heavier leaks under a kitchen sink or garbage disposal can lead to a more serious breach that can cause a flood in your home. Inspect the connection for your icemaker's water line at the back of the refrigerator too. Leaks from those lines are not uncommon. Also, check for evidence of leaking around the dishwasher. Examine the pipe connections and the area around the kick plate of the machine. Do not allow ongoing minor leaking from your dishwasher because it can rot the flooring underneath.

Bathroom

Your bathroom has multiple plumbing lines coming in and going out. Dripping from leaking tub or sink faucets or seeping water around the toilet valve or plumbing connections under the sink are common. Aging shower floors can leak and send water breaking through the subflooring and then through the ceilings of the rooms below.

Laundry Room

A rubber hose that supplies both hot and cold water to the washing machine can rupture suddenly. This can quickly leave you with a flooded house. If your washer has a rubber hot/cold water line, replace it with a much more durable stainless steel one *soon*. Diligently supervise your washer while it is in use, and do not leave the machine running while you are sleeping or out of the house.

Utility Room

The life expectancy of the typical residential water heater is 10 to 15 years. Leaking is often the first indicator that the unit may need replacement. Waiting can result in a ruptured holding tank that can cause significant water damage. Schedule with a plumber very soon if you discover leaking or puddling of water around your home's water heater.

Basement

Many of a home's water lines and drain lines route through the basement. Over time, indicators of tiny leaks can be detected. Dripping from pipes and/or mineral deposits on the exteriors of the plumbing lines is evidence of leaking water. Left unattended, these can quickly become more significant leaks and cause a flood in the basement. In some areas, groundwater can rise and enter the basement. If you are in a place where your home is at risk for this problem, You should install and maintain a sump pump in your basement.

Foundation

Typically, foundation leaks occur when the water has fully saturated the soil that lays against it. When the pressure from the water pushes in on the structure, water seeps into the house. Water under the basement can also build up pressure below the concrete floor, causing cracks that allow water to press up into the basement from below.

Garage

Uninsulated garages can be prone to roof leaks. In an insufficiently insulated garage, any heat in the interior rises through the ceiling, promoting deterioration of the roofing materials and eventual leaks. Also, as the ice melts on or around some garage foundations, water can seep in through the lower walls. To prevent these issues, insulate the roof and have the walls sealed with waterproofing material before ice and snow begin to melt.

Also, see the [Utah Flood Cleanup list of the most common causes of leaks in commercial buildings](#).

Importance of Water Leak Detection

When a breach does occur, the water leaking inside your home's structure can travel far from the leak's origination point without being detected. That means that although some areas are more likely to leak than others, no room in a home is entirely safe from water damage.

A leak can go unnoticed for months, causing major water damage before finally emerging from a wall, ceiling, or floor. In addition to structural damage from saturation, mold can thrive in moist construction materials, furniture, flooring, storage items, etc.

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