

WATER LOSS PREVENTION CHECKLIST

THE WEATHER IS CHANGING...ARE YOU?



We are experiencing a global shift in weather patterns which affects our daily lives, property and infrastructure. Naturally, insurance needs are changing too.

Water damage is a major disruption to you and your family as well as your business, but a great deal can be done to avoid this damage in the first place.

We at Bryson Insurance present you with the following checklist to keep your family and belongings safe and dry.

CHECKLIST TO PREVENT **WATER DAMAGE**

- Know where your shut-off valves are - and how to turn them off in an emergency. This includes locating the valves for your:
 - main water shut off
 - dishwasher
 - hot-water tank
 - sinks
 - toilets
- Know where your basement floor drains are, and keep them clear.
- Keep your eavestroughs and downspouts clear - check in the fall after the leaves have fallen, and in the spring to look for ice buildup.
- Check all appliance hoses (washer, dishwasher, refrigerator, etc.)
Appliance hoses only last approximately five years. Consider replacing old ones with wire-mesh hoses that include automatic shut-off valves.
- Keep items off the basement floor. Store items on shelves, instead.
- Check your hot-water tanks. Hot-water tanks last for about 10 years on average. Check to see if your tank shows signs of leaking, visible rust or dark water at the faucet - you may need to replace your tank sooner.
- Contact a professional to install sump pumps and back-water valves, and have them inspected annually.
- Install extensions on all downspouts. Extensions help carry the downspout water away from your home's foundation, keeping it from entering the basement.
- Visually inspect your roof twice each year. Contact a roofing contractor if shingles appear deteriorated or missing. If you have a flat roof, have a roofing contractor make an annual inspection.
- Consider installing a leak-detector or high-water alarm.
- Finally, be sure to prepare an inventory of your valuable items - keep one copy at home, and one off site.

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Contact Bryson Insurance today for more risk prevention tips:

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