

# Prevent water from going where it shouldn't

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One of the most disheartening experiences is to find flooding or extreme water damage to your treasured home.

At Russ Black Insurance, we know you want to protect what's important. That's why we're offering these tips to help you prevent many of the most common causes of water damage.

Just a little time and some effort can prevent a lot of heartache and hassle.

- Make sure your water pressure is not set too high. For just \$6 or so, you can purchase a gauge that will help you test your pressure for the appropriate level, which should be set between 60 and 80 PSI.
- Standard hoses on new appliances are not as durable as they used to be. So check your appliances. If they're rubber, either replace them with longer lasting stainless steel braided hoses or replace them every three years.
- Keep water from leaking into the walls or floor of your bathroom by replacing cracked tiles and re-grouting when it's needed.
- Examine the shingles on your roof. Worn, curled or missing shingles allow water in, so replace them as soon as noticed.
- Consider buying a water alarm, which can help you find leaks, or automatic shut-off mechanisms, which can help avoid bursts.
- A lot of water damage occurs when you and your family are away from home. Make a practice to avoid running the washing machine or dishwasher while you're out.
- When you leave for vacations, turn off the water supply to appliances.
- Keep up maintenance on all appliance hoses, because slow leaks from worn out hoses can cause major damage (and they are not covered under Homeowners insurance).

At Russ Black Insurance, we hope these pointers will ensure your house stays nice and dry this year!

## Contact Us!

At Russ Black Insurance, we can work with you to make sure you've got the coverage you need, while at the same time using all possible credits and discounts to make that coverage affordable. Just give us a call at 814-676-5761 or send us a note at [russ.black@russblackinsurance.com](mailto:russ.black@russblackinsurance.com). We want to help you meet your goals, and make sure what's important to you is protected!

## Here's what customers are saying about Safeco Insurance®

"Unfortunately, my wife and I recently had to file our first claim with Safeco in regards to water damage in our home. The adjuster assigned to our case/claim was Matthew. From the first time Matthew called me, he was extremely helpful and courteous. Honestly, before Matthew, Safeco was just another insurance provider, but now I am a huge fan of Safeco! Matthew is the kind of guy that makes a difference every day, even when no one is watching."

*J.H. in an email to Safeco*