



## Checklist for Water Loss Prevention:

	<p>Perform regular maintenance checks of your roof. Normal wear and tear over time can easily create a source for water intrusion. Be sure to inspect for lifting, torn or curling shingles. Cracked, loose or missing tiles can also result in potential water related losses. Take immediate action to patch, fix or replace your roof when necessary. Always hire a licensed professional to make roof repairs or replacement when needed.</p>
	<p>Gutters and downspouts should be free and clear of debris to ensure proper function.</p>
	<p>Inspect windows for leaks and ensure that the seals are all intact. Water stains around windows or exterior doors can indicate that water is coming in from outside. If signs of water damage exist, the windows may need to be replaced. Any damages from water will need to be repaired and the caulk, weather stripping, and seals will need to be replaced.</p>
	<p>Appliances, such as washing machines, dishwashers and refrigerators should be checked on a regular basis for leaks. Checking the seals and hoses regularly can prevent costly water damage expenses. Replacing water supply hoses on your washing machine with metal braided hoses is recommended.</p>
	<p>Check for indications of leaks and/or cracks in water prone regions throughout your home. Prone regions include: under sinks, water heaters, washing machines, bathrooms toilets and in attic space. Repair any water leaks, pipes that are leaking and wall cracks.</p>
	<p>Know where your main water shut off valve is and how to turn the water off in an emergency or if you plan to be out of town for an extended period of time. If you are unsure of where your shut off valve is, locate your water meter, they are usually located within close proximity.</p>
	<p>Keep a close eye on your water bill. A spike in your usage could indicate that there is a water leak somewhere in your plumbing system.</p>