



Interstate Alarm Company Newsletter

Don't Get Soaked!

Of all the appliances found in the home, the water heater and washing machine are the most likely to cause serious damage, and cost home owners a bundle.

According to a nationwide analysis by Safeco Insurance, one out of every 10 water-damage claims can be traced back to a malfunctioning hot water tank or washing machine. These two appliances are more likely than Mother Nature to inflict damage on the home.

Water is even more likely than fire to be the cause of home damage today .

Simple fixes, such as installing a \$10 stainless steel hose or replacing an aging water heater, could save a homeowner thousands of dollars and a lot of hassle.

But home owners can take simple steps to reduce their chances of water damage.

· **Replace old water heaters.** Water heaters do damage when they get too old and the tank rusts and bursts. Replace your tank once a decade. Today's energy-efficient systems also will be cheaper to operate.



- **Stainless steel hoses:** Inspect standard rubber or plastic hoses used with washing machines, refrigerators and dishwashers and consider replacing them with stainless steel-braided or mesh hoses. Worn-out hoses with kinks, cracks or bulges need to be replaced immediately. A \$10 braided steel hose can save thousands.
- **Turn it off before you leave.** Don't leave dishwashers and washing machines running if you leave the house.
- **Check attic air conditioners.** At least once a year, go up to the attic or roof to check these appliances before they wear out. Look for wear and tear and loose connections.

Featured Employee



Joshua Allen

If you have called our offices in the last several years you most likely have talked with Josh. He is our systems operations manager. He handles alarm programming and troubleshooting, along with job parts and inventory. Joshua is an outdoor guy and also has artistic talents in music and art.

Featured Product



8 Zone Water Sensor: Ideal for basement sump pumps, drain storage areas, computer rooms, document storage areas, warehouses and sprinkler systems. Connects up to 8 supervised sensors. LEDs indicate which zone is in alarm.

!!Customer Alert!!

Summertime brings door-to-door sales people who may use hard-sell or shady tactics to make a sale. We do not conduct door-to-door high pressure sales.

Beware of "free systems" because they are not!

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