

Practical Devices For Water Protection

Remembering all of these protection tips may seem daunting, but there is help out there. You can purchase devices that will tell you when you might have a problem.

For under \$50 you can purchase:

Water alarm: this alarm will sound as soon as any moisture is detected.

Sump pump alarm: if your sump pump isn't working properly, you'll know it.

For under \$100 you can equip your home or cottage with a freeze alarm. The alarm will phone you if the interior temperature drops below 7° Celsius.

If you own a cottage or vacation property, you might want to consider a deluxe freeze alarm that will telephone several numbers to alert you of a low interior temperature and/or a power outage. This is ideal if you live a fair distance away from the property.

Exterior Considerations



Ice Dams

An ice dam is an accumulation of ice at the lower edge of a sloped roof, typically at the eaves trough. When the snow on your roof melts, the water runs down and refreezes at your roof's edge where the temperature is much cooler. Ice builds up and blocks water from draining off your roof into the eaves trough. Water then seeps under the roof and into your attic and down the inside walls of your house.

Let's Fix It!

- Keep your attic well ventilated. The colder your attic, the less melting and refreezing on the roof.
- Keep your attic floor well insulated to minimize the amount of heat that escapes your house.
- Once an ice dam forms, the only relief is to remove the ice and snow from your roof. This is dangerous, so make sure to call a roofer who has appropriate insurance coverage.

Considerations For Your Business

Water damage knows no boundaries – homes and businesses are equally susceptible. Below are some easy tips to help you protect your business.

Let's Fix It!

- Install and maintain your sump pump.
- Regularly inspect your property for hazards and keep drains clear of debris.
- Keep stock on shelving, up off the floor. If you experience flooding, this will buy you time to drain the floor before your inventory is damaged.
- Sprinkler systems can be an issue. Know where your shut-off valve is in case you experience a pipe burst. If you don't know where to find the valve, contact your property manager.



Any Questions?

If you should suffer a loss, your independent insurance broker and Gore Mutual will be there when you need us. We encourage you to take steps to ensure your assets and investments are protected.

To learn more about water damage prevention, we invite you to visit the Consumer Assistance section of our website at www.goremutual.ca or contact your independent insurance broker.



Another "Tankless" Job

Tankless hot water heaters are now readily available. They are a great alternative to the traditional system, not to mention more efficient. These new units work on-demand, so they don't need a tank to hold pre-warmed water.

No tank means the new system has a longer life span because of the decreased risk of rust and corrosion. This also means less chance of your hot water tank bursting and causing damage.