



## **The only good thing about water damage is not having it.**

Prevention is the key to this, of course, and the following will help ensure you never have to go through it.

- Check regularly for loose or worn hoses, particularly on dishwashers, washing machines and laundry tubs.
- Prevent overflows when filling tubs and containers.
- Drain all outside taps before temperatures fall below freezing.
- Ensure air conditioning units are properly installed and have adequate drainage.
- Replace worn shingles, and ensure eaves troughs and downspouts are securely installed and direct water away from the house.
- Install a failure alarm on the sump pump, and a battery powered back-up pump.
- When you will be away from home for more than four days, turn off the water or arrange for someone to check on it.