

Lessons Learned



A Cracked Water Hose can Drive you out of House and Home

Loss Amount: \$19,100

What Happened: A couple returned home one evening to find their house flooded by water from a split washing machine hose. Tile floors in their laundry room, bathroom, family room, hall, kitchen and dining room, along with six large area rugs, were all damaged beyond repair. The couple had to live elsewhere while repairs were being made to their home, causing considerable inconvenience and stress.

Lessons Learned:

- It's estimated that washing machine hose failures cause about \$150 million in damage to homes in the U.S. each year.
- Check washing machine hoses regularly. Replace periodically or if they show signs of wear, especially around the connections. Consider hoses with pre-formed elbows and reinforced connecting ends.
- Hose replacement is a simple and inexpensive home repair task. Washing machine hoses can be purchased at most home repair centers, hardware stores, and plumbing supply outlets for about \$10 to \$20.
- As an added precaution, turn off the water valve feeding the washer when not in use, especially while you're away on vacation.

For Further Assistance in Preventing this Type of Loss:

Plumbing suggestions for washing machines. -

<http://www.plumbingsupply.com/clotherswasherhoseshutoff.html>

Prevent water damage with monthly TC=LC checks -

http://www.giis.org/mold_water_damage_tips.htm

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