



Water Facts

A homeowner recently commented that she went to the store after turning on the washing machine. When she returned an hour later the water was still running. Sadly, for this homeowner, a broken water supply line caused extensive damage not only to the laundry room, but also to the ceiling, wall, and floor in the room directly below the laundry area.

The homeowner was shocked and unaware of where her main shut off valve was located. It took her 15 minutes to locate it, causing further damage to her home. It is important to act fast in these situations, so be sure to know the location of your shut off valve to stop the flow of water.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 15-30 gallons of water are used per load of laundry in the washer
- Water damage accounts for approximately 45% of interior insurance claims
- The average total home water usage per day is 50 gallons
- Approximately 400 billion gallons of water is being used in the U.S per day
- 14,000 people per day experience a water damage emergency at home or work

Tips to Avoid Major Losses

- Make sure you know where your main shut off valve is located
- Inspect appliance hoses and faucets regularly
- When away on vacation, shut off water supply to washing machine
- Monitor your water bill (Spikes could be due to a leak)
- Investigate leaks right away

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