WHISPERING LAKE WEBSITE

HOMEOWNER TIPS

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HALT WATER LEAKS BEFORE THEY START

Water damage can occur almost anywhere in your house. It's most frequent around washing machines, refrigerators with icemakers, dishwashers, toilets, and water heaters. There are steps you can take to prevent this mess and expense. The Institute for Business and Home Safety recommends to:

- Check for leaking faucets, dripping, or "sweating" pipes, clogged drains and faulty water drainage systems.
- Inspect washing machine hoses for bulges, cracks, or wetness. Replace them every few years, sooner if problems are found.
- Inspect the water heater for signs of rust or water on the floor.
- Consider using a Passive or Active leak detection system to help alert you to water problems.

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