



Hidden Water Pathways: Where Flooding Really Starts

FLOOD DAMAGE often starts in unexpected places, slipping through overlooked weak spots that can lead to major problems if not addressed.

Mapping Water Entry Points



ROOF

leaks at flashing, seams, under shingles



WALLS

cracks, porous masonry, failed sealants



WINDOW WELLS / EGRESS WELLS

pooling water seeps in



DRAINAGE SYSTEM

clogged gutters, backflow, ineffective downspouts



The Costs of Flooding in Your Home



Roof Leaks¹

- Average repair cost: **\$1,154**
- Typical range: **\$150 to \$8,000**



Interior Water Damages²

- National average: **\$3,837**
- Overall range: **\$450 to \$16,000**



Basement Flooding³

- Average cleanup: **\$4,000**
- Normal range: **\$2,000 to \$7,000**
- Severe cases: **\$15,000+**



Foundation Repairs^{4,5}

- Foundation Repairs
- Angi does not provide detailed cost figures
- Costs vary widely by severity and require contractor quotes

The Hidden Health & Safety Domino

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MOLD GROWTH

- > Begins within 24–48 hours of water entry
- > Triggers allergies, asthma, and long-term respiratory issues

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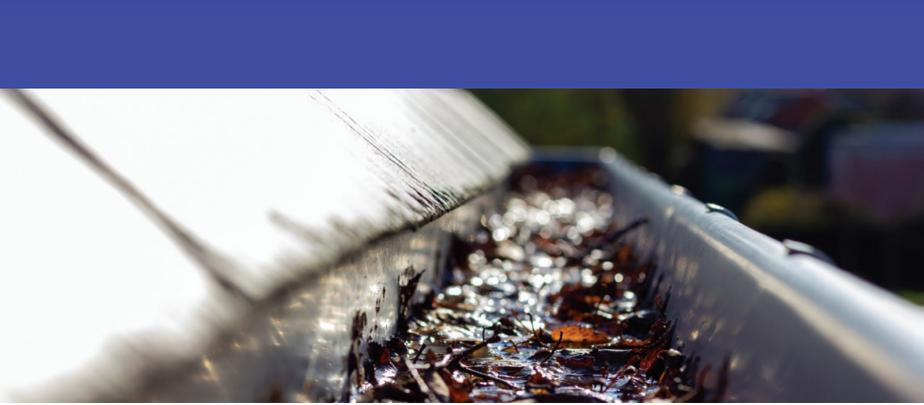
STRUCTURAL WEAKENING

- > Waterlogged drywall and wood lose strength
- > Hidden decay can cause ceilings or walls to collapse unexpectedly

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FOUNDATION CRACKS

- > Soil expansion from water destabilizes home foundations
- > Leads to uneven floors, stuck doors, and safety hazards to collapse unexpectedly



Building Your Hidden Defenses

OUTER DEFENSES—KEEP WATER AWAY FROM THE HOUSE

- > Redirect runoff with grading and extended downspouts
- > Install French drains to move water away from the foundation



MID-LEVEL DEFENSES—BLOCK COMMON ENTRY POINTS

- > Sloped covers and well shields protect basement windows
- > Seal wall cracks and apply exterior waterproof membranes

INNER DEFENSES—BACKUP PROTECTION

- > Sump pumps and interior drainage systems
- > Battery backup sump pumps or power outages



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