

Roof Leak Source Map Guide

Roof leaks can travel in unexpected ways before showing up inside the home.

Why the Stain Can Be Misleading



A roof leak may show up as a stain, bubble, or drip far from the true entry point.

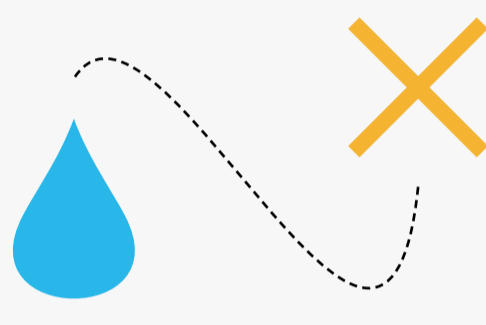


Water does not always come straight down. It can travel through the roof system before it finds a place to appear inside.



The most common leak-prone areas are usually roof details and transitions like chimneys, valleys, skylights, vents, and flashing zones.

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Stain near a chimney wall

→ likely source: chimney flashing



Stain below a roof valley

→ likely source: valley issue



Stain near a skylight opening

→ likely source: skylight flashing or perimeter seal



Stain near a bathroom, laundry area, or closet ceiling

→ likely source: pipe boot / vent penetration



Stain where the roof meets a wall

→ likely source: flashing at the transition

Water may enter at one roof detail, run along decking or framing, and only drip once it reaches a low point or opening. That is why the stain is a clue, not the answer.

Tracing Damage to the Right Repair

Active drip?

→ Contain the water and document the area.



Recent storm or wind event?

→ Check exposed roof details and flashing first, especially around projections and transitions.



Attic evidence?

→ Look for wet insulation, darkened decking, or visible water trails. Follow the highest visible moisture point to get closer to the real entry location.



Inspection pinpoints the actual entry point; restoration/repair prevents repeat leaks.

