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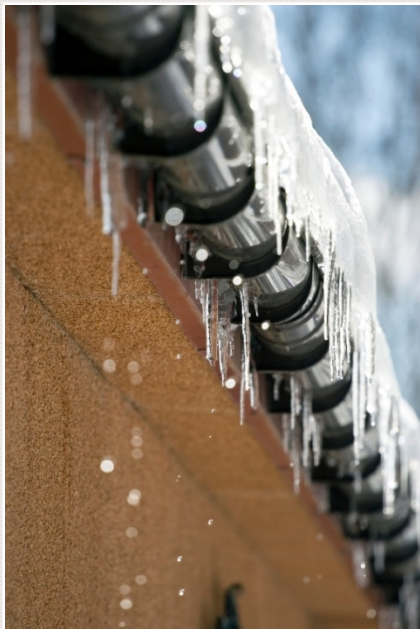
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If you have any family or friends looking to buy or sell a home, please give them my name.  
If your home is currently listed for sale with another Realtor®, please disregard this offer.

## MAINTAIN A DRY HOME DURING SPRING MELT



America's beloved groundhog failed to see its shadow and we're beginning to hear the first bird chirps signaling spring. There's a lot to look forward to as the ice melts, but also some important things to remember. Below, tips on how to keep your home dry as winter melts into spring.

### Know what's covered.

Whether it's from melted snow or broken pipes, not all policies guard against unexpected leaks, and those leaks can mean expensive repairs.

### Stay balanced.

Excess moisture in the home relates in part to outside humidity, but temperature and other factors play a role. Learn more about balancing your home's moisture here.

### Check for mold.

In addition to water damage, the presence of mold can create health risks, including allergic and respiratory issues.

### Prevent damage while you are away.

Some of the most common water damage issues occur while owners are away. Make sure you shut off the main valve, check your gutters and follow a few other key steps.



### Home Moisture Checklist:

Avoid pointing sprinklers or hoses toward the house to keep water from seeping in at the foundation

Check for leaks around windows and doors, especially corners  
Check your roof. Leaks are particularly common around chimneys, plumbing vents and attic vents

Check for leaking faucets, dripping or "sweating" pipes, clogged drains, and faulty water drainage systems

Act quickly – if a pipe bursts, turn off the water. If a natural disaster hits, board up windows as soon as it is safe to help prevent additional water damage

Taking these simple steps can help avoid costly water damage. Follow this link to ensure you've covered all your bases.

## WARRANTY WISDOM

When searching for a home service agreement, check to see if plumbing stoppages are included. Sometimes they are not covered at all and other times you may have to pay extra. With a 2-10 Home Buyers Resale Warranty Corporation home service agreement, plumbing stoppages are covered under the standard coverage.

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