Preventing Water Damage in the Laundry Room

The washer and drier are usually located in the laundry room and create heat and moisture. Simple maintenance is required to help avoiding water problems and mold.The following guides lines are simple to follow and will provide good tips and indications for potential water damage that can be caused by the washer, the dryer, hoses, filters, and the utility sink.Be sure to perform these inspections every few month and be thorough while performing themThe WasherThe washer is connected to both cold and hot water lines. Check them frequently. Start with the joints and fix a leak if you find it. Be sure to check both ends of the water lines. Clean or replace the filters once in a while. A blocked filter will slow the water flow into the washing machine, and may cause some malfunctions. This problem is worse in areas with hard water. Inspect the shut off valve by looking for drips into the washing machine while it is not in use. If you detect a leak, replace the valve. Hoses & FiltersLike in most appliances, problems often start in the hose. Keep at least 4 inches between the water connection and the back of the washer. This space will prevent the hose from kinking and bursting. Check the hoses and replace them if old. Consider installing steel-braided hoses. The DryerThe dryer is connected to a ventilation hose. Check it carefully. The dryer ventilation hose must be connected to the outdoors. Search for lint behind and under https://hosebrosinc.com/ the dryer and make sure the vent pipe is not clogged. Make the exhaust short as possible for the dryer to vent efficiently, Utility SinkThe utility sink is sometimes the source for water related problems. Search for leaks under the sink. A drip in the trap under the sink can be a sign for problems and should be repaired immediately. Slow draining pipes may indicate a partially blocked drain. A constantly dripping faucet must me repaired promptly. Replace sink seals if they are cracked or loose. Damped or stained walls around plumbing pipes indicate an internal leak that must be fixed before additional damage occurs.

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