A DROP OF PREVENTION.
The USAA household checklist for helping avoid water damage.

COMPLETE THIS CHECKLIST EVERY SIX MONTHS TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE YOUR RISK OF WATER DAMAGE.

Bathroom
- Inspect the flushing mechanism inside each toilet
- Inspect the water supply line and replace, if damaged
- Ensure the connection valve is secure

Laundry room
- Replace rubber hoses with reinforced, steel-braided lines
- Inspect the water supply lines and replace, if damaged or more than 5 years old
- Turn off washing machine water supply valves when not in use, and never run the washing machine when no one is home

Kitchen
- Inspect to ensure the refrigerator water line and valve are secure. Check for kinks in the water line, which can lead to pinhole leaks, and replace, if damaged

Water heater
- Completely drain the water tank to remove sediment
- Check the tank’s life expectancy and replace accordingly
- Inspect outside of unit for leaks
- Have a plumber inspect the anode rod (can be done annually)

Pipes and drains
- Visually inspect all plumbing pipes. Check for any leaks, condensation or signs of corrosion. Replace, as needed
- Check to make sure that all drains are flowing
- Check water bill for unexpected increases (may signal a leak)

Consider installing water detection alarms
- These alarms alert to a possible water leak and can be installed near water-prone areas like tubs, toilets, sinks and basement
- For more information on types of water detection alarms, go to usaa.com/homesafety

This checklist is not intended to be an exhaustive list of steps to prevent or reduce the severity of a loss. Conducting the steps in this checklist may not eliminate your risk of a loss.