

WHO'S WORRIED ABOUT A LITTLE WATER?

You should be... Read about four ways that a poor gutter system can cause you thousands of dollars in water damage.



This house settled going in the opposite direction of the one and only down spout.

A reversed pitch caused most of the rain water to overflow on to the fascia and soffit board. Hardly any water was going down the down spout. On top of it, the gutters were clogged with leaves. At the time the homeowner didn't think they could afford to fix the problem.

Two years later, this problem became much larger and very expensive to fix. Ultimately, the exterior trim rotted out, the porch sunk, the support columns on the porch rotted away, and water got inside causing mold behind the drywall on the front of the house.

Standing water is never good for the house.

Overflowing or leaky gutters, or inadequate down spout extensions lead to standing water next to the home.

Concrete is porous, just like a sponge. What happens during the winter, when this moisture freezes? It expands causing cracks in your home. The next wave of destruction takes over during the warmer months with heavy rain causing floods in your basement.

Not to mention that destructive insects such as termites and carpenter ants are attracted to moisture next to the home.



Poor drainage will wash away your landscaping.

Water collecting next to the home will also wash away your landscaping and create mud for kids and pets to track into the home.

The old fashion light weight gauge and gutter hangers were done in by heavy ice loads in the winter and strong winds in the spring.

A ten foot section of gutters filled with ice weighs 150 pounds. That's the equivalent of a full grown person walking on your gutters. Strong winds occur in the spring and summer. Your original gutters and down spouts might have been made with very thin gauge using flimsy gutter hangers. And they won't be able to handle the seasonal weather conditions year after year.



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