

TIPS

Keep Repair Costs Down

Neglecting major house maintenance not only affects your enjoyment of your home, it affects the overall value if and when you put your house on the market for sale. Here are eight common household problems you should nip in the bud to keep home repair costs down. Next to each problem is the damage that can occur if the problem is not corrected early.

1) FAULTY ROOF FLASHINGS

Roof leaks and possible structural and cosmetic damage.

2) MALFUNCTIONING GUTTERS

Water damage inside the house.

3) POOR FOUNDATION GRADING

Dampness or water inside the house.

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4) POOR TUB/SHOWER CAULKING AND GROUTING

A water leak can spread virtually anywhere, but mainly to the rooms below the fixture.

5) DAMAGED BATHROOM TILE

Loose fixtures and/or water leakage to the floor below.

6) NOT ENOUGH ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

Overloading of existing outlets and a potential fire hazard.

7) POOR ATTIC VENTILATION

Roof sheathing rot from excess moisture.

8) POOR MECHANICAL SYSTEM UPKEEP

Systems will not work efficiently or live up to their expected life spans (particularly true for heating and cooling systems). Case in point: Neglecting annual gas furnace inspections could create soot buildup in the flue and result in a chimney fire.