

Home Fire Sprinkler Myths

Some homeowners are reluctant to install sprinklers because of misconceptions on their operation.

Myth: The water damage is worse than the fire.

Fact: A sprinkler will shower water to control the fire. They activate in the early stages before the fire department arrives. Automatic systems only spray water in the immediate area of the fire to reduce water damage.

Myth: They go off accidentally.

Fact: The odds are 1 in 16 million that one will go off accidentally due to a manufacturing defect.

Myth: They are ugly.

Fact: Modern sprinklers are inconspicuous and can be mounted flush with the walls or ceiling. Some can even be concealed like regular water pipes.



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Fire Sprinklers Save Lives

- Fires kill more people in the U.S. annually than all natural disasters combined.
- On average, 4 children die everyday from fires.



- Sprinklers complete the smoke alarm's work by fighting the flames of a fire.
- Sprinklers can even put out fire before the fire department arrives.

Home Fire Facts

- 8/10 fire deaths in the U.S. occur in the home.
- A home burns every 74 seconds.
- Sprinklers and alarms together cut risk of death by 82%, saving thousands of lives a year.

Sprinklers: A Safe, Smart Choice

- Fire sprinklers are mandatory in most public buildings, and now, people demand them in their homes. Home fire sprinklers save lives and reduce property loss.
- They decrease damage by 2/3 compared to homes without them.
- Many communities are seeing impressive results from their use. For example, in Cobb County, Georgia, there hasn't been a single fire fatality in homes since 1980 when the fire sprinkler program began. In Scottsdale, Arizona, the fire loss hit a 10 year low in 1992 despite a nearly 30% population growth in the last decade. These communities are proving fire sprinklers save lives and property.



Affordable Protection

- Sprinklers are now more affordable and easier to install in homes. With a variety of discreet designs, they fit inconspicuously into the interior design.
- When building a home adding sprinklers provides you with additional peace of mind. They often cost less than new carpeting, cabinet upgrades or other major purchases in a new home construction.



- They can also be installed in existing homes. When considering the built-in reliability and responsiveness they have to offer, the investment is a wise one. To ensure they work properly, you need to find a contractor who is qualified and adheres to the National Fire Protection Association Codes.