Annual INSURANCE CHECK-UP

Your insurance coverage needs can change from year to year, so it is important to have a conversation with your insurer or agent annually to review your policy and make sure you have the right amount and right types of insurance coverage.

Ask if your policy pays replacement cost or actual cash value. Actual cash value takes depreciation into account, and replacement cost is the amount necessary to rebuild the home with construction materials of like kind and quality. ✔

Ask if your policy has coverage for three key things to help prevent being underinsured:

1. Extended replacement cost, which helps cover additional costs to rebuild your home if building costs skyrocket after a disaster.
2. Building code or energy ordinance upgrades
3. Annual inflation adjustment
4. Consider increasing additional living expenses coverage ✔

Make sure your policy reflects the correct square footage, number bedrooms/ bathrooms and doors and windows, and your home's finishes. ✔

Make sure to update your policy after any remodels or home improvements. ✔

If you're renting, consider purchasing rental insurance so you can replace your belongings in the event of a disaster. ✔

For your auto insurance, make sure your auto policy includes comprehensive coverage. ✔

Evaluate Your Need for Flood Insurance

The threat of flooding across the U.S. is increasing and not confined to coastal areas alone, and yet many homeowners do not have flood insurance protection. Your homeowners insurance policy typically does not cover damage from flooding. If your home is damaged by flood waters, you could be faced with tens of thousands of dollars in uncovered damage that you must pay for out of pocket if you do not have a flood insurance policy. You can purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program or with a private market insurer. Flood insurance policies typically take 30 days before they go into effect, so do not wait until the threat of flooding is on the horizon before you purchase flood coverage.

86%
OF HIGH-RISK PROPERTIES LACK FLOOD INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.*

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