

# COMMON GUTTER PROBLEMS & HOW TO PREVENT THEM

## *Quick Homeowner Guide*

Gutters work hard to protect your home, but small issues can turn into expensive repairs if ignored. Here are the most common problems and how to prevent them.

### **1. Clogs & Overflow**

**Cause:** Leaves, debris, shingle grit

**Prevention:** Clean gutters twice a year; consider gutter guards

### **2. Sagging Gutters**

**Cause:** Heavy debris, loose hangers

**Prevention:** Keep gutters clear; tighten or replace hangers as needed

### **3. Leaks at Seams or Corners**

**Cause:** Aging sealant, standing water

**Prevention:** Inspect seams regularly; reseal when needed

### **4. Improper Pitch**

**Cause:** Settling, loose fasteners

**Prevention:** Ensure gutters slope slightly toward downspouts

### **5. Downspout Blockages**

**Cause:** Debris buildup inside the pipe

**Prevention:** Flush downspouts during cleanings; add strainers if needed

### **6. Water Pooling Near Foundation**

**Cause:** Short or misaligned downspouts

**Prevention:** Extend downspouts 4–6 feet away from the home

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