

Water Leaks Cost Money!

What is it that leaks?

1. **Old Hose Washers & Old Faucet Washers** - Like people, they stiffen up with age. Replace them every couple of years.



If the water faucets where you connect your water supply to your RV drips, report it at the office. If one in your RV drips it probably needs a new washer.

Change out your hose washers every couple of years whether they are dripping or not.



About January 12, 2019 a female coupling split open, releasing a little over 4 gallons per minute. The leak caused the water meter daily readings to spiked up by about six- thousand gallons per day over the expected baseline. The leak was discovered about January 30, 2019. That month, our water/sewer cost was \$13.10 per 1000 gallons.

So, 6,000 gallons lost each day cost $6 \times \$13.10 = \78.60 per day.

$\$78.60 \times 19 \text{ days} = \$1,493$. At a total cost of $\$1,493 / 206 \text{ lots} = \7.25 per lot.

So, each one of us paid \$7.25 for the water lost from this small leak!

2. **Old hoses fail and cause big leaks**



The failure of the thin metal used to make this connector split after a few years, causing a sudden leak.

The solution?

- A. Use better equipment!
- B. Replace the hose every five or so years!

Better quality hoses will outlast the less expensive versions.

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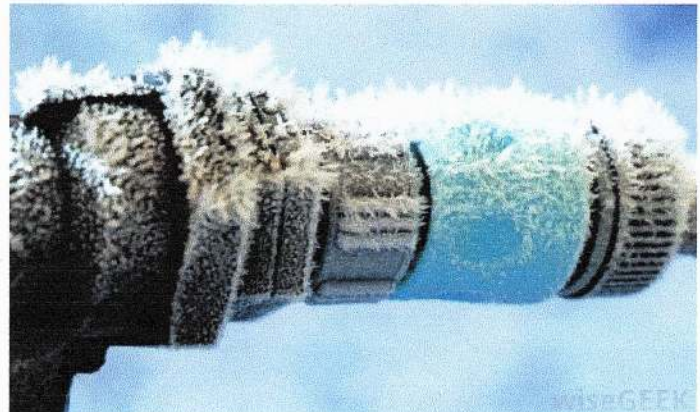
Camco TastePURE 25' Premium Drinking Water Hose, 5/8" ID:

- 25' premium drinking water hose
- Heavy-duty reinforced 5/8" ID hose that is 20 percent thicker than standard hoses
- Anti-kink design features machined fittings and strain-relief ends for added durability
- Made of drinking water safe material
- CSA low lead content certified
- Complies with California's AB1953 and Vermont Act 193 Low Lead Laws
- 1-year limited warranty
- Camco Water Hose 5/8" ID Model# 22833
- Ideal for outdoor use and RV use
- Made of long-lasting material
- Leaves no strong plastic taste behind
- Usable in extremely hot or cold conditions

3. Freezing can cause leaks if you are not prepared.

People who elect not to frost-proof their water connections but instead, leave a faucet running are spending our money!

Water Freezes at 32 degrees. A pipe or a hose will freeze at 32 degrees, but it will take hours to do so. Any metal parts will freeze first. Water freezes more quickly at lower temperatures. A wind (wind chill) will speed freezing.



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Choose a heavy-duty tube with thick walls!

Closed cell foam tubes are split to make placing them on your pipes or hoses easy to do. The cut edges will stick themselves back together. Make sure all of the pipe or hose is covered; especially the metal parts.

Heat tapes can be used in conjunction with insulation to prevent freezing.

They are safe if they are the correct type and are used and installed correctly.

Always look for the label when buying electrical stuff and,



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always, always, always install them following the manufacturer's instructions!



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Insulated heater hoses are available and may be less expensive than buying quality hoses and then insulating them.



Heated Water Hose - FDA Approved Drinking Safe in Various Lengths.

Look for a UL label!



Remember the “Low point drains!”



RVs have drains at one or more low point drains in the plumbing that protrude below the floor insulation.

When they freeze, the ice grows upward to block the T where they connect to the RV's plumbing.

That is why, in freezing weather, you may have running water in one end of your RV but not the other end.

Insulate them with closed cell tubing.

Please do not waste water.

Please do your part to save water and save money!