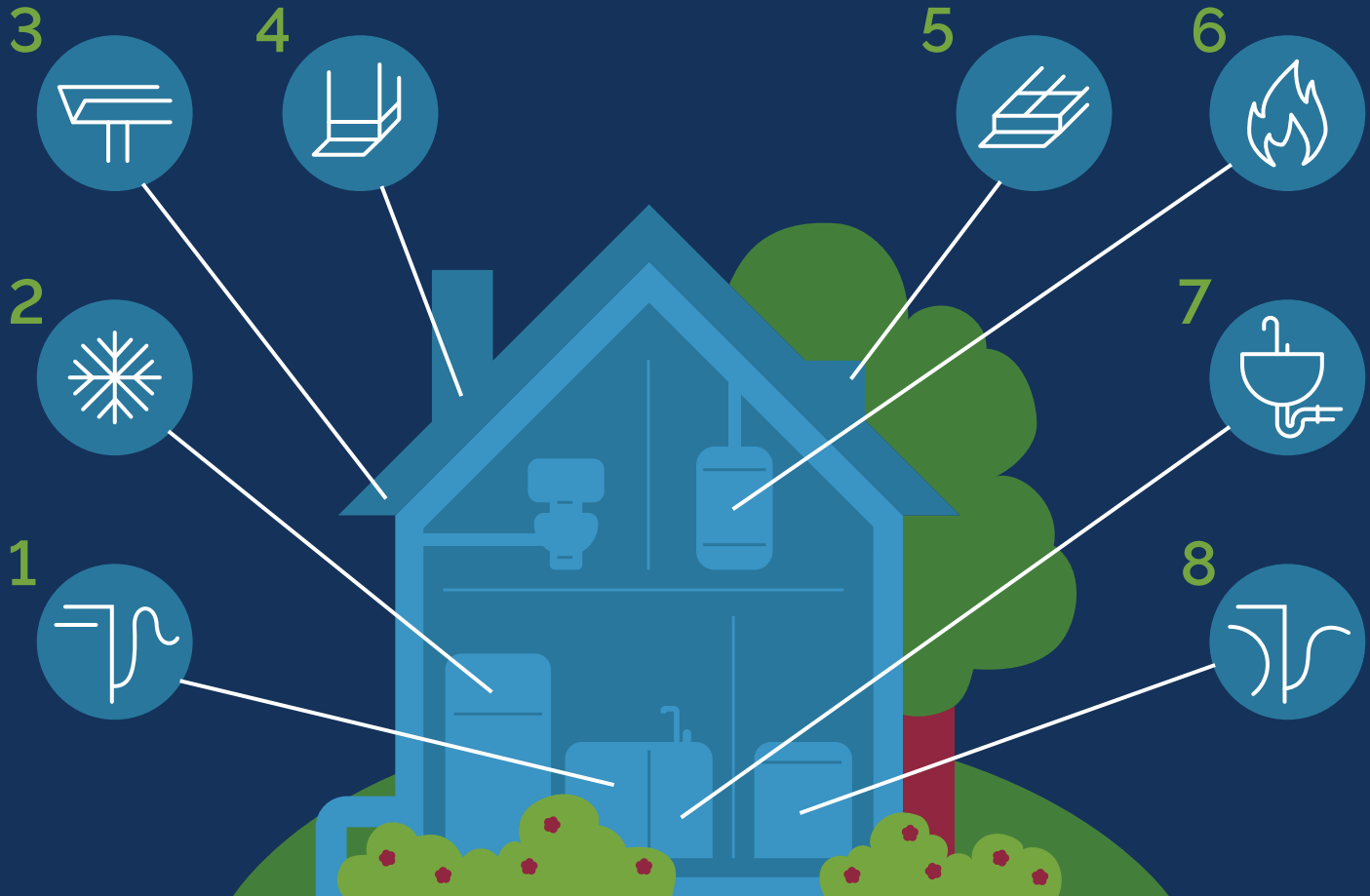


# 14 hidden trouble spots for water damage

From annoying drips to a flooded basement, there's no such thing as a small water problem. The good news? You can often stop water damage at its source. Here are 14 places to check.

**\$14,000**

The average water damage claim cost<sup>1</sup>



## 1. Dishwasher hose

Can become brittle or cracked over time

## 2. Ice maker

That little plastic line feeding your fridge

## 3. Gutters

Leaves and debris can block the flow

## 4. Chimney flashing

Where your chimney meets the roof

## 5. Skylights

Check for moisture or stains

## 6. Water heater

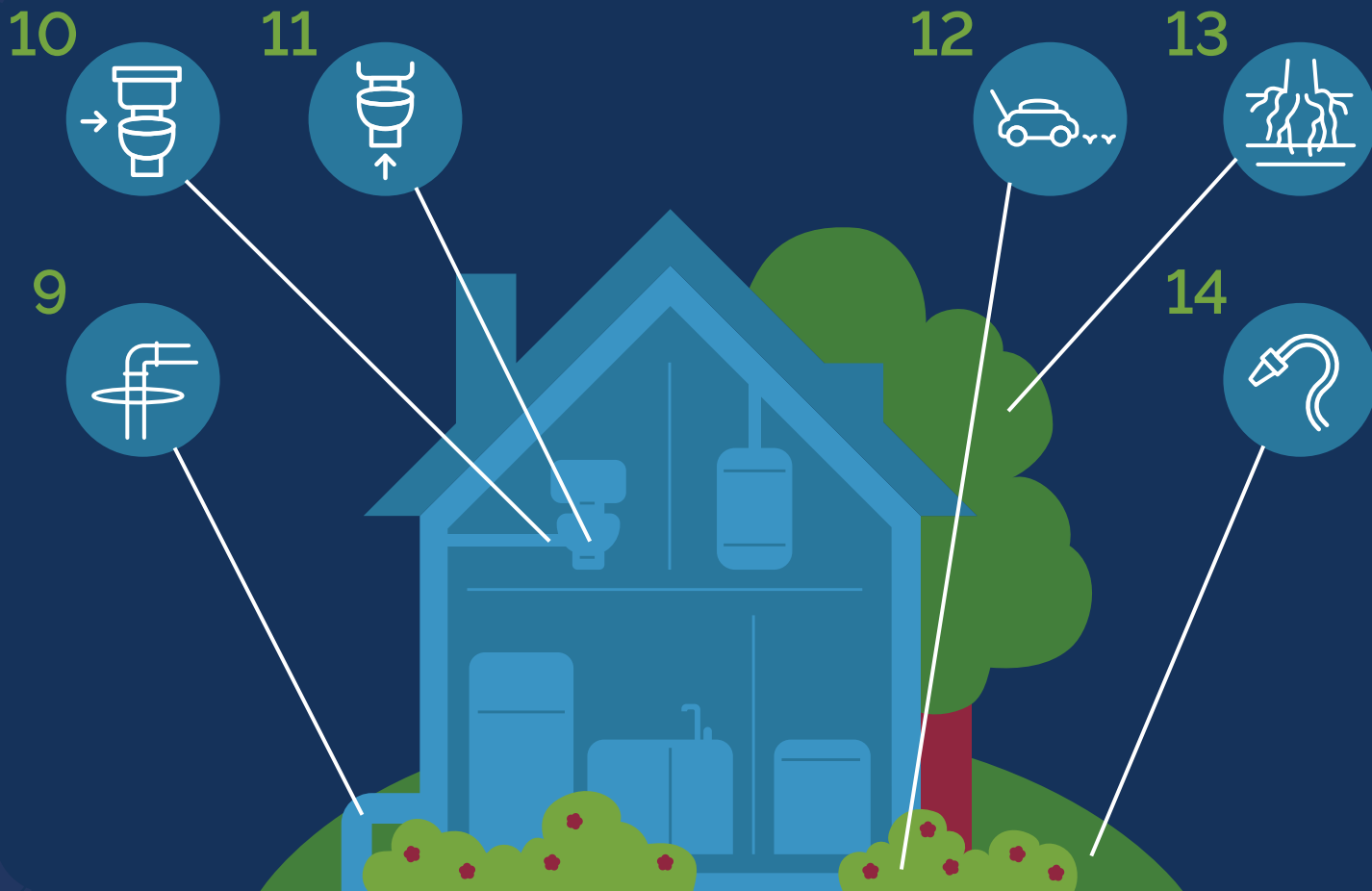
A drip tray can catch leaks while they're small

## 7. Under sinks

Out of sight shouldn't mean out of mind

## 8. Washing machine hose

Upgrade to braided stainless steel hoses



## 9. Sump pumps and sewage pumps

Have a battery backup for both

## 10. Behind toilets

Lines connecting to the shut-off valve can loosen or crack

## 11. Underneath toilets

That wax ring under your toilet doesn't last forever

## 12. Landscaping

Make sure ground slopes away from the house

## 13. Sewer drain

Tree roots love to invade sewer lines

## 14. Hoses and spigots

Install a faucet cover or insulation sleeve

**Bonus tip:** Low-cost smart water sensors can alert you right away when a water leak starts.