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Water Heater TPR Valve Safety



A Temperature & Pressure Relief (TPR) valve is vitally important to the safety of your home and family. As water heats up, the TPR valve opens when the internal pressure exceeds 150 PSI or the temperature hits 210 degrees. If the TPR valve fails, it can possibly cause your hot water heater to explode like a rocket, rupture or cause water damage from leaks. Below are a four signs your TPR valve is bad and needs replacing.

- 1.) **Constant Drips.** A continuous leak from the TPR valve through the discharge tube indicates a bad TPR Valve. An occasional drip is normal; however, a constant drip is an area of concern.
- 2.) **Failed Test.** Testing the TPR valve should be done periodically. Pulling the lever for 5 seconds should release a sudden burst of water that should stop once the pressure is relieved. If the water continues to leak after testing, the seal is compromised and should be replaced.
- 3.) **Corrosion/Rust.** If you see any signs of rust or corrosion around the TPR valve, that is an indication that the valve has been leaking for a longer period of time and should be replaced.
- 4.) **Age.** A TPR valve should be inspected every year. Although a TPR valve can last for a long period of time, it is recommended that the TPR valve be replaced every 3-5 years.

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