# BEYOND UBI... NEXT GENERATION LEAK PROTECTION

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### LET'S TALK ABOUT BURST PIPES...







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### THE OPPORTUNITY: HUGE WATER CLAIMS REDUCTION POTENTIAL



- US Insurers pay over \$10B each year for water damage claims
- Almost 30% of claims are for water damage
- I out of 55 homes has a burst pipe each year
- 2016 average water damage claim was over \$7K

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#### **OLD-LINE APPROACHES TO WATER DAMAGE**

- Improved supply hoses (\$25-75)
  - Low cost...but do they get installed?



- Point moisture sensor systems (\$200-1000)
  - Protection only against appliance leaks
  - Generally no web connected or shut off
- Whole-house leak detection (\$2000-3000)
- Some are web connected, most are not
- Expensive, so low adoption!!!



#### **NEW SOLUTION: IOT LEAK PROTECTION DEVICES**

- 93% of Water Damage Claims avoidable\*
- Old School whole house solutions are expensive (+\$2,000) with limited functionality
- IoT solutions are more affordable (under \$500), with enhanced functionality:
- smart phone controlled
- Text and email alerts
- Over the air updates
- Integration with other devices at API level
  Integration with Agent/Claims/Remediation Company/Plumber
- Verification they are in use





#### HOW CLOUD CONNECTED LEAK PROTECTION DEVICES WORK

- Web-connected
- Controlled via smartphone
- Flow and Temp data sent to 'cloud'
  - Higher level analytics
  - Real time monitoring
  - Usage history
  - Mobile alerts
  - Leak damage avoidance: Herd protection across a region
  - Post mortem "forensic analysis" for predictive analytics
- Battery backup. Continuity of protection even with power or WiFi outage

### **BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE... IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT DAMAGE REDUCTION!**



#### LEAK PROTECTION PROVIDES HOMEOWNER **VALUE BEYOND RATE REWARD**

Peace of Mind



of consumers say personal and family security remains one of the top reasons to purchase a smart home system.





#### LEAK PROTECTION PROVIDES HOMEOWNER **VALUE BEYOND RATE REWARD**

- IoT Leak Detection Provides Bonus Usage Data
  - "If you can't measure it, you can't improve it"
  - Provides actionable, real time usage information
- Wasteful behavior wastes +5 trillion gallons of water per year
- Yes, you can use IoT Leak Detection devices to shut down excessive shower times  $\ensuremath{\odot}$







# LEAK PROTECTION PROVIDES HOMEOWNER VALUE BEYOND RATE REWARD

- Bonus Water Savings
  - US homes leak one trillion gallons of clean water every year
    - +\$8B/year for homeowners
  - Eroded toilet flappers are number the #I cause and often are silent
  - 10% of US homes leak 90 gallons per day
  - Costing +\$600/year for these homeowners



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# IOT LEAK DETECTIONS CAN HELP REDUCETEN TRILLION GALLONS WASTED ANNUALLY

- Acute Water Waste
  - One trillion gallons/year



- Wasteful Behaviors
  - +5 trillion gallons/year



- Chronic Water Waste
  - +4 trillion gallons/year from inefficient appliances/fixtures



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# LEAK PROTECTION HELPS AGENTS DELIVER MORE VALUE

- Agents are excited about IoT leak protection devices
- Pro-active touch point with policyholders
- Provide dual value:
  - leak protection
- water cost savings
- Agent/insurance company/plumber/Remediation information can be included on mobile app



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# HOW WILL YOU COMPETE IN THIS NEW WORLD?

- How will you differentiate?
- How will you appeal to millennials?
- How will you avoid churn?
- How will you build customer loyalty?



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### **FUTURE DIRECTIONS**



- Integration of wireless moisture sensors and additional safety/security sensors (e.g., combustible gas, radon)
- Interoperability with other home IoT devices (e.g., Nest, SmartThings, Lowe's/Iris, Amazon Echo)



- Analytical reporting on water usage (at home level and for various aggregations)
- Expanding possibilities for strategic alliances (Security, Remediation, Plumbing partners)

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### IOT CAN HELP — BUT YOU CAN'T BE PASSIVE!

What will it take to equip homes with IoT leak

- Policyholders won't do it on their own!
- · Insurers have to make it happen!
  - · Premium discounts?
  - · No claim awards?

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### **CONCLUSIONS**

- IoT Leak Prevention is here
- New opportunities for insurers
  - Improve underwriting
  - Reduce incidence and magnitude of claims
- Novel approaches to address water damage
- You can change the nature of competition!
- Questions: dsterling@waterheroinc.com
  - THANKYOU!

