



In addition to daily inspections, it's a good idea to take time to thoroughly assess your equipment and its repair or replacement needs during the off-season. Let's look at two reasons spray hoses fail in an effort to increase the lifespan.

"Inspections may uncover issues that can easily be addressed and save valuable time."

There are really two main reasons why spray hoses fail.

1. The hose fails from the inside, out.

When a spray hose is used in ways not intended, you'll notice it will fail from the inside out. Using a hose with an application pressure rating that is not intended for, or using a hose with incompatible materials and chemicals can lead to hose failure from the inside, out.

2. The hose fails from the outside, in.

How you utilize, care for and store your spray hose has a lot to do with its longevity. In a perfect scenario, a hose that remains straight throughout its entire lifespan will last longer than one that's folded and unfolded throughout its application. A hose that's often dragged on the ground will break down more quickly than one that's protected with a cover or never touches the ground. Sunlight and the elements can also breakdown the outside of a hose more quickly too.

These examples easily demonstrate why it's so important to visually inspect your hose. If you haven't already done so, check out our blog post with tips for inspecting your hose in the off-season.

As a rule of thumb regarding replacement hoses, it's a good idea to replace clear or inexpensive PVC tubing each year. You can get away with replacing EVA hoses every two years.

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