

Differences between Home Systems Protection and warranties

An easy reference cheat sheet

Home Systems Protection	Manufacturer Warranties	Extended Warranties
Insurance coverage	A manufacturer's promise to stand by its product.	An excess warranty over and above manufacturer's warranty, purchased in-store.
Applies to all home systems, equipment and appliances.	Applies to the individual product purchased.	Applies to the individual product purchased.
Costs pennies a day.	Provided free with purchase.	Can cost up to 20 percent of the purchase price.
Pays for repair or replacement of any home system, equipment or appliance. Covers loss of use (e.g., hotel stay if home is uninhabitable) and spoilage.	Full warranty fixes or replaces a defective product, covers labour. Limited warranty may cover only parts, not labour, may require consumer to ship.	Provides repair for a specific time (1, 3, 5 years).
Renewable each year.	Has an expiry date (usually one year).	Renewable for multiple periods with material rate increases.