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The Lyric Wi-Fi Leak & Freeze Detector sends an alert for laundry and sink leaks (below).

‘Smart’ Gadgets: Simple to install, maintenance-free

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and humidity on the Lyric and it will sound an alert when the ambient conditions fall outside that range.

Best of all, the Lyric not only emits a high, audible alert when it detects excess humidity, a water leak, or pipe freeze, it also notifies you on your smartphone wherever you are. Booth said after installing the device, download the Lyric app and you can begin to receive alerts on any smartphone (Apple or Android). You can set up alerts to be emailed to neighbors or family members, as well, in the event you are unable to immediately respond to the notifications. Another unique feature is that the app converts the daily temperature and humidity readings into a graph so you can visualize the data on a month-by-month basis.

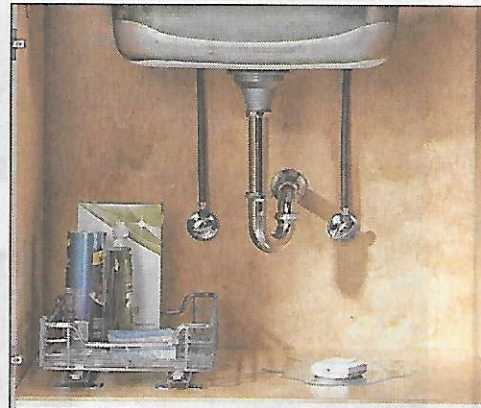
Anthony Chirido, operations director at Shotmeyer Brothers Heating & Air Conditioning in Hawthorne, said the Lyric is simple to set up and virtually maintenance-free.

“It’s extremely easy to install,” Chirido said. “Put the batteries in and follow a couple of prompts to enter your Wi-Fi information and you’re done.”

The batteries, included with the unit purchase, last for three years, Booth said. The product emits several alerts when the batteries need replacing and the app displays remaining battery life, as well, he added.

Chirido said he decided to buy the Lyric after a disastrous incident.

“I was personally introduced to this device



when I was away ... and there was a slow leak under my kitchen sink,” he recalled. “Over a two-week period of being away, there was extensive damage from that slow leak. After that happened, purchasing this device was the best investment.”

Chirido cited a particularly useful feature of the Lyric is that it can be placed anywhere as needed.

“It can be moved from location to location,” Chirido said. “When we are away overnight, we put it near the hot water heater and boiler area. During this past cold snap, we put it in the garage where we have water pipes.”

Booth added extra sensor cables, purchased separately, can be attached to provide up to 500 feet of coverage. He said installing additional units throughout the house will prevent damage from water leaks, frozen pipes and excess humidity throughout the whole house, from the attic to the basement.