THREE STEPS TO COST-EFFECTIVE BASEMENT FLOOD PROTECTION

Complete these 3 steps to reduce your risk of basement flooding and lower the cost of cleanup if flooding occurs. For items listed under step 3 check with your municipality about any permit requirements and the availability of flood protection subsidies.

Step 1: Maintain What You've Got at Least Twice per Year

- Remove Debris from Nearest Storm Drain
- Clean Out Eaves Troughs
- Maintain Plumbing, Fixtures and Appliances
- Test Your Sump Pump
- Clean Out Your Backwater Valve

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Step 2: Complete Simple Upgrades

- Install Window Well Covers
- Extend Downspouts and Sump Discharge Pipes at Least 2m from Foundation
- Store Valuables and Hazardous Materials in Watertight Containers or Remove from Basement
- Remove Obstructions to Basement Floor Drain
- Install and Maintain Flood Alarms

Do-It-Yourself for Under $250

Step 3: Complete More Complex Upgrades

- Install Window Wells that Sit 10-15 cm Above Ground and Upgrade to Water Resistant Windows
- Disconnect Downspouts, Cap Foundation Drains and Extend Downspouts to Direct Water at Least 2m from Foundation
- Correct Grading to Direct Water at Least 2m Away from Foundation
- Install Backwater Valve
- Install Backup Sump Pump and Battery

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Note: Not all actions will be applicable to each home. Completing these steps does not guarantee the prevention of basement flooding.

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