THREE STEPS TO COST-EFFECTIVE HOME FLOOD PROTECTION

Complete these 3 steps to reduce your risk of 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. *Applicable only in homes with basements

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

- **Do-It-Yourself for $0**
  - Remove debris from nearest storm drain or ditch & culvert
  - Clean out eaves troughs
  - Check for leaks in plumbing, fixtures and appliances
  - Test your sump pump*
  - Clean out your backwater valve

**Step 2: Complete Simple Upgrades**

- **Do-It-Yourself for Under $250**
  - Install window well covers (where fire escape requirements permit)*
  - Extend downspouts and sump discharge pipes at least 2 m from foundation
  - Store valuables and hazardous materials in watertight containers & secure fuel tanks
  - Remove obstructions to floor drain
  - Install and maintain flood alarms

**Step 3: Complete More Complex Upgrades**

- **Work with a Contractor for Over $250**
  - 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 2 m from foundation
  - Correct grading to direct water at least 2 m away from foundation
  - Install backwater valve
  - Install backup sump pump and battery*

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

For additional resources visit: [HomeFloodProtect.ca](http://HomeFloodProtect.ca)