

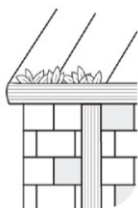
Follow these 3 steps to help reduce your risk of basement flooding or to lower the cost of cleanup should flooding occur.

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

Do-It-Yourself Maintenance



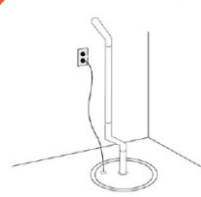
Remove Debris from
Nearest Storm Drain



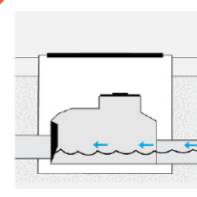
Clean Out Eaves
Troughs



Maintain Plumbing,
Fixtures and
Appliances



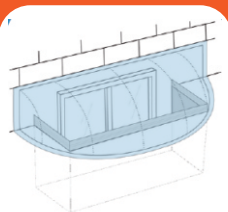
Test Your Sump Pump



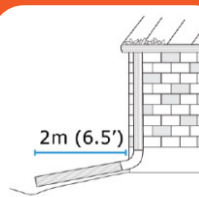
Clean Out Your
Backwater Valve

STEP 2: Complete Simple Upgrades

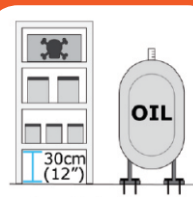
Do-It-Yourself Simple Upgrades



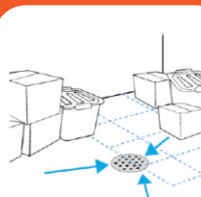
Install Window Well
Covers



Extend Downspouts
and Sump Discharge
Pipes at Least 2m from
Foundation



Store Valuables and
Hazardous Materials in
Watertight Containers
or Remove from
Basement



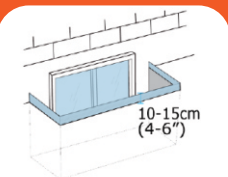
Remove Obstructions
to Basement Floor
Drain



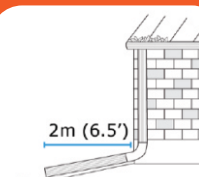
Install and Maintain
Flood Alarms

STEP 3: Complete More Complex Upgrades

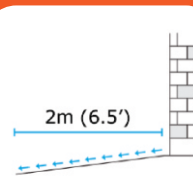
Contract Out More Complex Upgrades



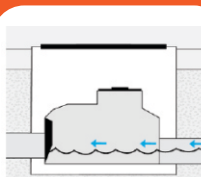
Install Window Wells
that Sit 10-15 cm
Above Ground and
Upgrade to Water
Resistant Windows



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



* Disconnect foundation
drains from sanitary sewer &
redirect to a sump pump

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

* Check to see if your home qualifies for the Basement Flooding Grant Program.
Visit our website or contact 519-631-1680 for more information.

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