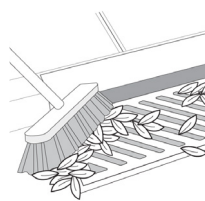


# THREE STEPS TO COST-EFFECTIVE HOME FLOOD PROTECTION

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

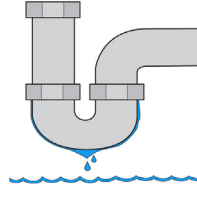
Do-It-Yourself  
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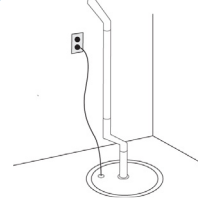
Remove debris from nearest storm drain or ditch & culvert



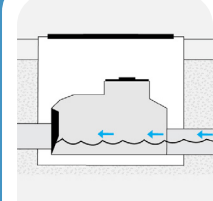
Clean out eaves troughs



Check for leaks in plumbing, fixtures and appliances



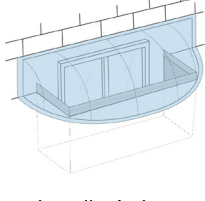
Test your sump pump\*



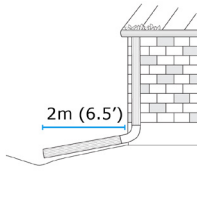
Clean out your backwater valve

## Step 2: Complete Simple Upgrades

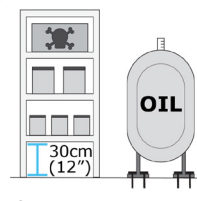
Do-It-Yourself  
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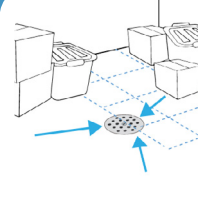
Install window well covers (where fire escape requirements permit)\*



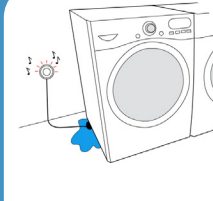
Extend downspouts and sump discharge pipes at least 2m from foundation



Store valuables and hazardous materials in watertight containers & secure fuel tanks



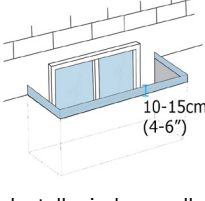
Remove obstructions to floor drain



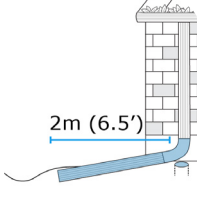
Install and maintain flood alarms

## Step 3: Complete More Complex Upgrades

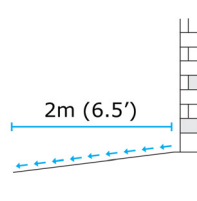
Work with a Contractor for Over \$250



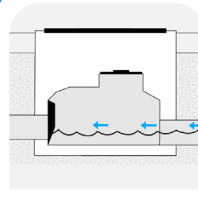
Install window wells that sit 10-15cm above ground and upgrade to water resistant windows\*



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\*

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