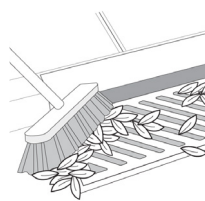


THREE STEPS TO COST-EFFECTIVE HOME FLOOD PROTECTION

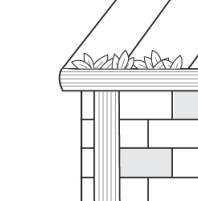
Complete these 3 steps to reduce your risk of flooding and lower the cost of cleanup if flooding occurs. For items listed under step 3 check with your municipality about any permit requirements and the availability of flood protection subsidies. *Applicable only in homes with basements

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

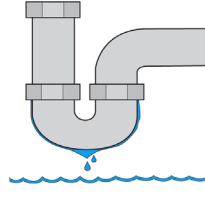
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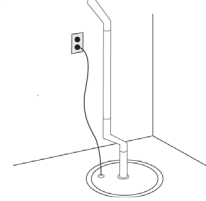
Remove debris from nearest storm drain or ditch & culvert



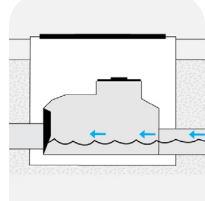
Clean out gutters



Check for leaks in plumbing, fixtures and appliances



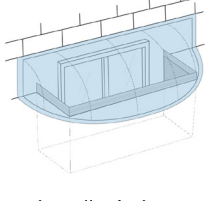
Test your sump pump*



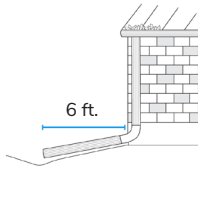
Clean out your backwater valve

Step 2: Complete Simple Upgrades

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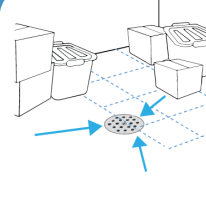
Install window well covers (where fire escape requirements permit)*



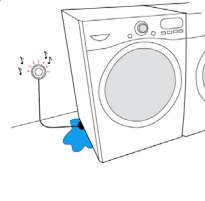
Extend downspouts and sump discharge pipes at least 6 ft. from foundation



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



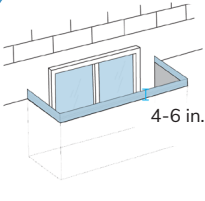
Remove obstructions to floor drain



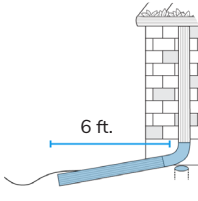
Install and maintain flood alarms

Step 3: Complete More Complex Upgrades

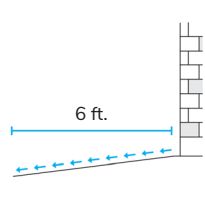
Work with a
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Over \$250



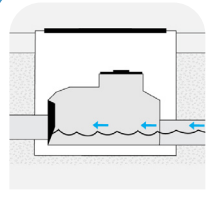
Install window wells that sit 4-6 in. above ground and upgrade to water resistant windows*



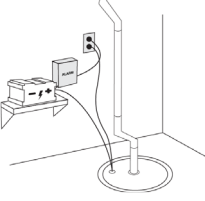
Disconnect downspouts, cap foundation drains and extend downspouts to direct water at least 6 ft. from foundation



Correct grading to direct water at least 6 ft. 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.