

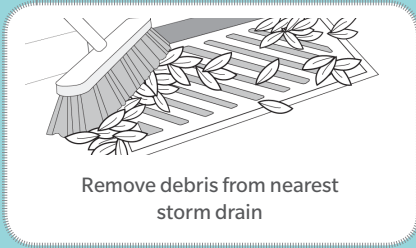
# 3 Steps to Cost-Effective

# Basement Flooding Protection

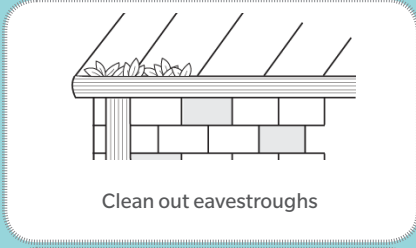
Complete these 3 steps to reduce your risk of basement flooding and lower the cost of cleanup if flooding occurs. For items listed under Step 3, check with your municipality about any permit requirements and the availability of flood protection subsidies.

## STEP 1:

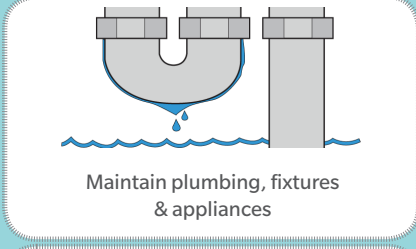
Maintain what you've got at least twice a year



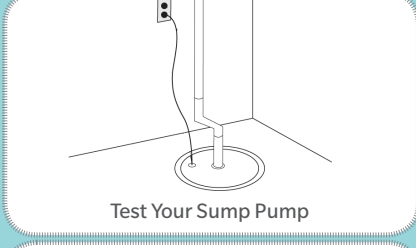
Remove debris from nearest storm drain



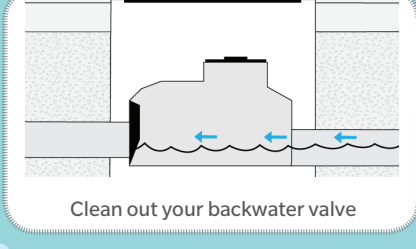
Clean out eavestroughs



Maintain plumbing, fixtures & appliances



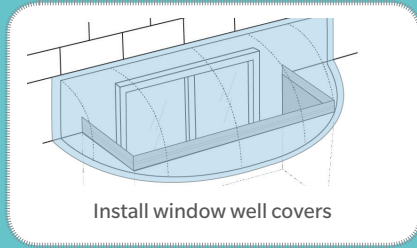
Test Your Sump Pump



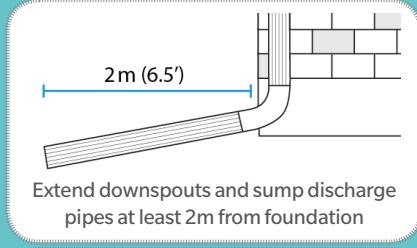
Clean out your backwater valve

## STEP 2:

Complete simple upgrades



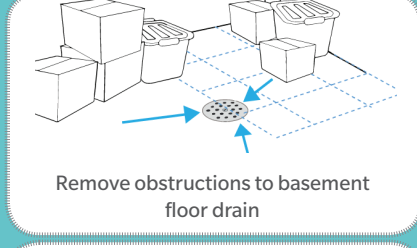
Install window well covers



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



Store valuables and hazardous materials in watertight containers or remove from basement



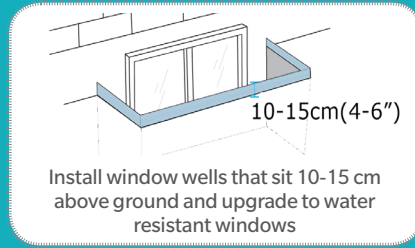
Remove obstructions to basement floor drain



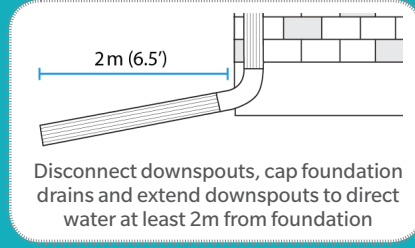
Install and maintain flood alarms

## STEP 3:

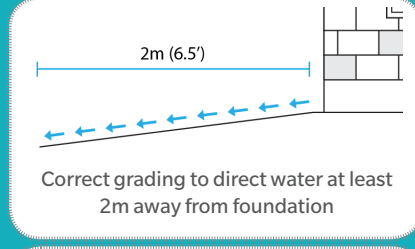
Complete more complex upgrades



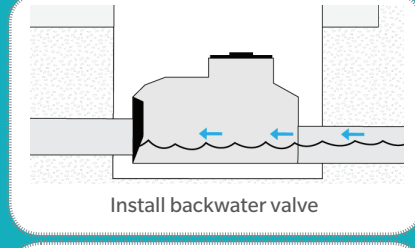
Install window wells that sit 10-15 cm above ground and upgrade to water resistant windows



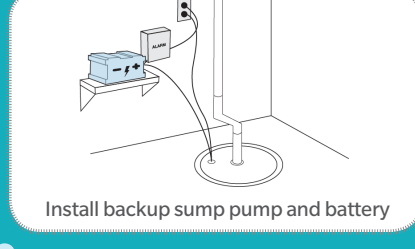
Disconnect downspouts, cap foundation drains and extend downspouts to direct water at least 2m from foundation



Correct grading to direct water at least 2m away from foundation



Install backwater valve



Install backup sump pump and battery

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