

Flood Prevention Checklist for Homeowners



GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS

- Clean gutters at least twice a year to prevent clogging.
- Ensure downspouts direct water at least 5-10 feet away from your foundation.
- Check rain barrel drainage twice a year.

YARD

- Ensure your yard slopes away from your home so water naturally drains away.
- Add soil where needed to improve grading around your foundation.
- Consider adding a BMP.

SUMP PUMP

- Install a sump pump in your basement to remove excess water. (Ensure pump has a backup power source in case of power outages.)
- Ensure all drains are clear of debris.

SEWER LINE

- Install a backflow valve in your home's sewer line to prevent water from backing up into your home during heavy rain or flooding.
- Fix any leaks or clogs in your plumbing.

FOUNDATION

- Inspect your foundation for cracks or gaps where water could seep in.
- Seal any cracks with waterproof caulk or masonry sealer.

IF NECESSARY

- Have sandbags or flood barriers on hand to protect low-lying doors, windows, or garages during heavy rains.
- Stay informed with weather alerts & local emergency services to get timely info on potential flooding.

