

FLOODS

DURING MAJOR RAINSTORMS OR RAPID SNOWMELT, THE SHEER VOLUME OF WATER CAN BACK UP DRAINAGE AND SEWER SYSTEMS, RESULTING IN FLOODED BASEMENTS. IN MOST CASES, YOU CAN PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING BY TAKING A FEW SIMPLE, YET EFFECTIVE STEPS:

PREPARE NOW



Sign up for Alberta Emergency Alert!



Have an Emergency Kit prepared in the event you must leave your home on short notice.



Install a flood-proofing device, such as a backwater valve to keep rainwater and sewage from backing up into the basement.



Extend downspouts at least 1.8 metres (6 feet) from basement wall and drain towards a street or back lane (not toward your neighbour).



Check eave troughs regularly for debris, leaks, poor connections, or sagging.



Waterproof cracks in your foundation walls or sidewalks with silicon every three to five years.



Purchase or renew a flood insurance policy.

Listen for emergency information and alerts and follow instructions.



If told to evacuate, do so immediately. Get to higher ground.



Never drive around barricades/fences. Obey all signs.



If trapped in a building, then go to its highest level.



Avoid already flooded areas and fast-flowing waters.



Immediately get out of a stalled vehicle in rising water.

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