



Heavy Rain Home Checklist

Prepare drainage and basement defenses before heavy rain reaches your home.

Prepare ahead

- ☐ Review local flood risk and sign up for weather alerts.
- ☐ Clear gutters and downspouts before rain is in the forecast.
- ☐ Extend downspouts so water drains away from the foundation.
- ☐ Test the sump pump, backup power, and discharge path.
- ☐ Store documents in a waterproof container and move valuables higher.

When it is approaching

- ☐ Clear yard drains and curbside grates only while conditions are safe.
- ☐ Check window wells, basement entries, and low spots for blockage.
- ☐ Close and latch basement, garage, and house windows.
- ☐ Charge phones and place flashlights where everyone can find them.

Stay safe

- ☐ Follow evacuation instructions and move to higher ground when directed.
- ☐ Never walk, swim, or drive through floodwater.
- ☐ Avoid wet electrical equipment and standing water near power sources.

Floodwater rule

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