



WHY IS MY BASEMENT WET?

POSSIBLE CAUSES, TIPS AND SOLUTIONS TO TRY

Water can make its way into your basement in a variety of ways.

While checking and sealing cracks in your basement walls and floor are important steps to keeping your basement dry, remember the origin of basement leaks can often be traced back to the drainage conditions outside your home.

If too much water collects around your foundation with no proper solution to drain the water away, it will naturally find its way into your home.

POTENTIAL SOURCES OF WATER ENTRY INTO YOUR BASEMENT:

- Downspouts that are too short
- Blocked and overflowing gutters
- Settled, improperly graded soil near your home's foundation
- Cracked basement wall or floor
- Window wells without proper drainage
- Broken water pipes
- Sump pump failure
- Clogged French drain
- Blocked or damaged sewer line

3 EASY WAYS TO HELP KEEP YOUR BASEMENT DRY:

Sometimes, improving your home's drainage conditions can be as simple as:

1. Clean gutters and downspouts
2. Extend downspouts at least 4 feet from the house
3. Build soil up around your foundation and then grade so it flows away from your home

WHAT ABOUT BACKUPS?

Sometimes the solutions for a wet basement can be more involved if you are experiencing basement backups as a result of a clogged sewer line. Other DIY solutions include root killing chemicals to clear out your sewer line and installing backflow valves.

If you don't see improvements after following these steps, you should consult with a professional.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about troubleshooting your wet basement and preventing future leaks, visit:

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