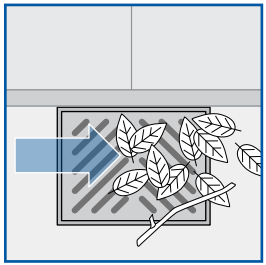
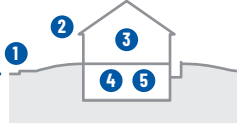


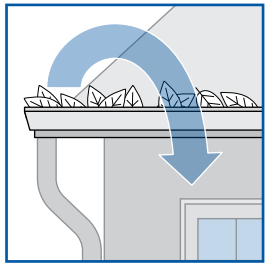
THREE STEPS TO COST-EFFECTIVE HOME FLOOD PROTECTION

Step 1: Maintain what you've got at least twice per year

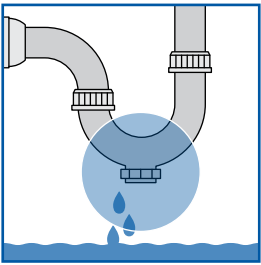
Do-it-yourself, \$0



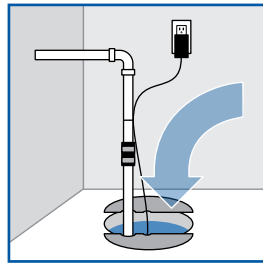
1 Remove debris from nearest storm drain or ditch and culvert



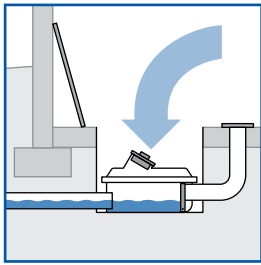
2 Clean out eaves troughs



3 Check for leaks in plumbing, fixtures and appliances



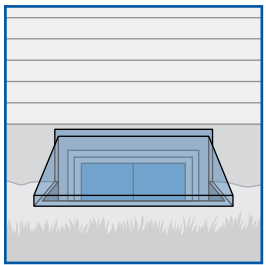
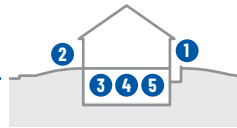
4 Test your sump pump



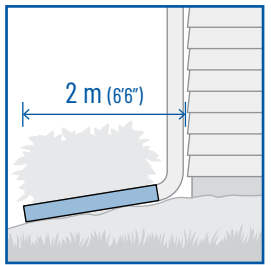
5 Clean out your backwater valve

Step 2: Complete simple upgrades

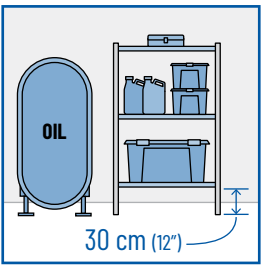
Do-it-yourself, for under \$250



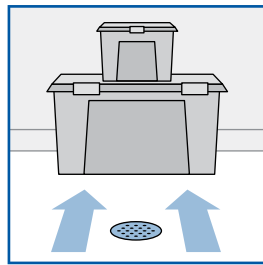
1 Install window well covers (where fire escape requirements permit)



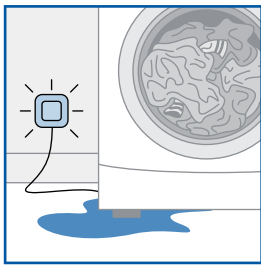
2 Extend downspouts and sump discharge pipes at least 2 m (6'6") from foundation



3 Store valuables and hazardous materials in watertight containers and secure fuel tanks



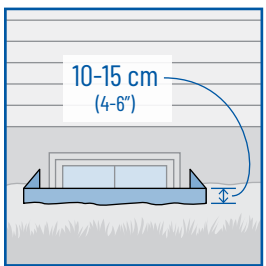
4 Remove obstructions to floor drain



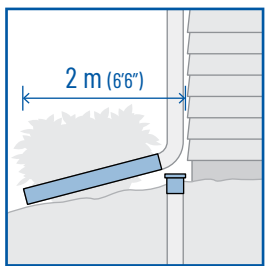
5 Install and maintain flood alarm

Step 3: Complete more complex upgrades

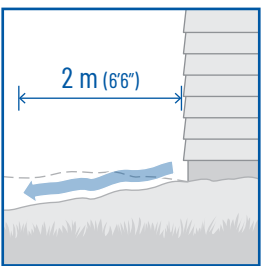
Work with a contractor, for over \$250



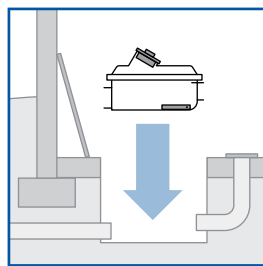
1 Install window wells that sit 10-15 cm (4-6") above ground and upgrade to water resistant windows



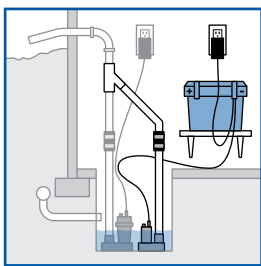
2 Disconnect downspouts, cap foundation drains and extend downspouts to direct water at least 2 m from foundation



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



4 Install backwater valve



5 Install backup sump pump and battery