

## Getting Help with Flood Protection

Many of these projects will require professional help. Search these terms to get started on waterproofing your basement:

- Plumbers near me
- Sump pump installation
- Landscaping
- Drain tile installation
- Foundation drain installation
- Basement waterproofing

### Don't know where to start?

A good first step would be to have a licensed plumber come look at the house and assess what work needs to be done.

A contractor should be willing to come out and review the situation. They will often provide a free, written estimate.

***\*\*Never agree on hired work without a written contract specifying what jobs are paid for in the price quote.\*\****

### Diggers Hotline:

(800) 242-8511 or 811

Digger's Hotline is a free, easy way to ensure safe and legal digging projects. Contact the hotline to have your yard marked for utilities and prevent damage to existing underground lines. For any given project, always double-check with your contractor that they are doing this on your behalf.

## Permits

Depending on what work is done, permits from the City of Fitchburg may be required. Permits that may be required are listed below. Please confirm with your contractor if these permits apply to your project, and if they are filling them out on your behalf.

### Permits that may be required:

- Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Permit: Required for land disturbing activities that will exceed 4,000 square feet, or linear projects (such as pipe installation) that exceed 100 linear feet
- Right-of-Way Permit: Required for any work that will extend into the City's right-of-way

A complete list of City of Fitchburg permits (including the ones listed above), can be found at the following website:

<https://www.fitchburgwi.gov/316/Permits-Applications>



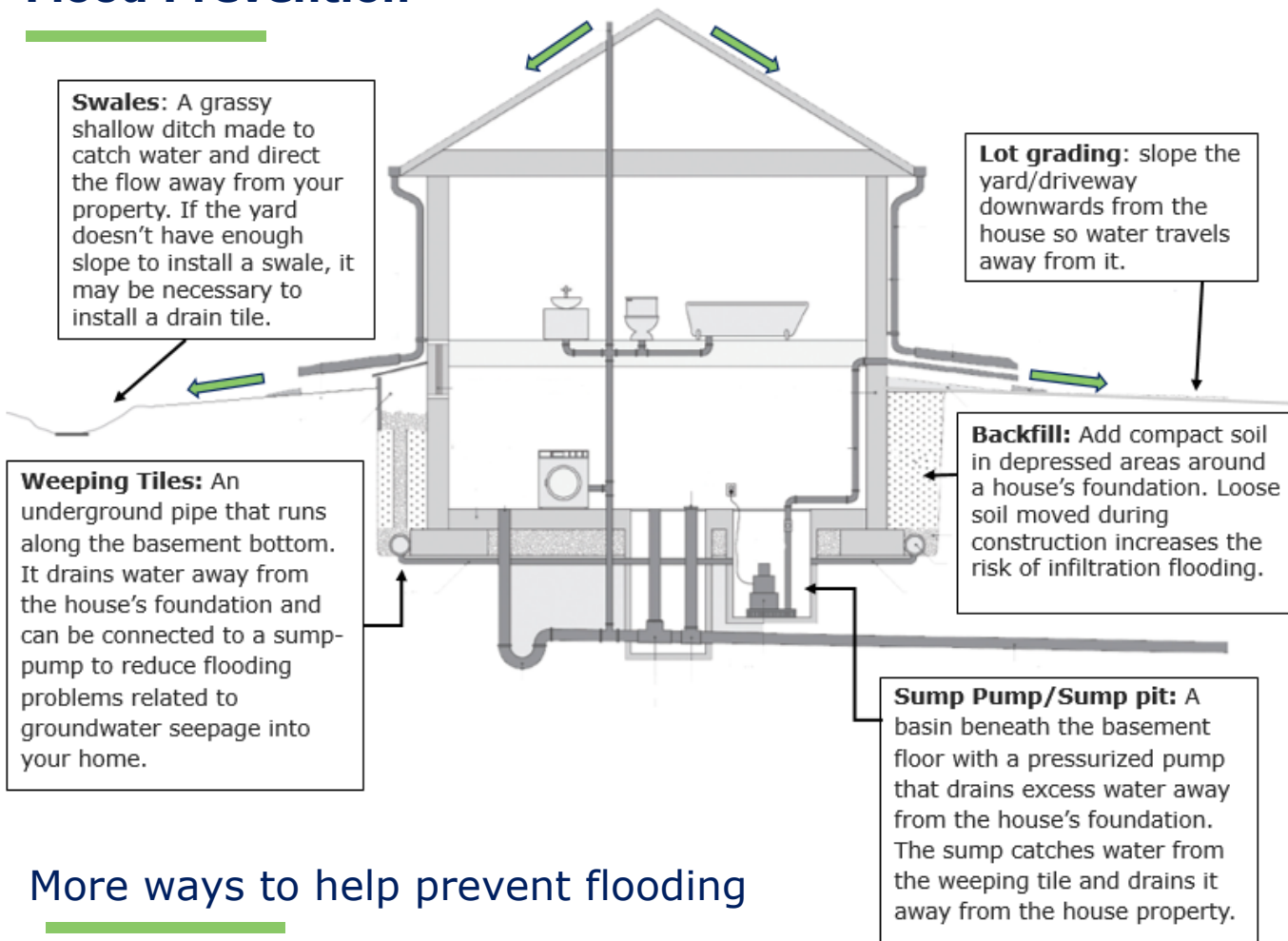
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# BASEMENT FLOODING

Prevention and protection against home water damage



# Flood Prevention



## More ways to help prevent flooding

- Seal cracks and leaks in the home's foundation.
- Seal gaps in the basement walls near windows and door frames.
- Regularly clean gutters to prevent plugging.
- Grading should slant away from the home.
- Keep storm water grates clear of leaf and debris to allow water to quickly flow into the storm sewer system.
- Install window well covers to restrict water entering the wells. Glass, waterproof options are available.
- Extend downspout at least six feet away from the home's foundation.

## What Causes Basement Water Issues?

Extreme storms, snow-melt, constant rainfall, and high groundwater can result in water in your basement.

## Prevention

There are many ways to prevent basement flooding both internally and externally. There are many simple day to day changes that can reduce flooding, but more substantive measures are most effective. Contact a professional to analyze your home and help come up with a plan to determine the best methods to prevent flooding.

## Other Considerations

- Understand drainage before undertaking landscaping projects or building additions. Small changes can make a big impact.
- Do not store valuables in your basement if you have experienced groundwater or flooding entering your basement.
- When installing a sump pump, use a pump with a battery backup, generator, or backup sump pump.
- Consider obtaining flood insurance. FEMA or flood insurance are available.
- Be a good neighbor and don't make your neighbor's problem worse by solving your drainage issue. Find mutually agreeable ways to drain water from your properties.