

Water In Your Basement After Heavy Rain? Here's What To Do



Section	Key Information	Details
Main Problem	Water in Basement After Heavy Rain	Basement flooding caused by issues like poor grading, clogged gutters, foundation cracks, or sump pump failure.
Immediate Actions	Safety and Cleanup	Turn off power in affected areas, remove standing water using pumps or buckets, and dry the space within 24 to 48 hours to prevent mold growth.
Damage Evaluation	Levels of Severity	Clean rainwater is manageable, while contaminated water (e.g., sewage) requires caution. Examine for visible signs like stains and odors or hidden problems like mold.
Prevention Tips	Long-Term Protection	Improve grading, clean and extend downspouts, seal cracks, test or replace sump pumps, and consider drainage systems if necessary.
When to Call Professionals	Recurring or Complex Issues	Seek expert help for recurring flooding, contaminated water, or extensive mold. Costs vary by solution, such as crack injection or full exterior waterproofing.
Common Costs	Waterproofing Estimates	Crack injection costs \$800–\$1,300, sump pump installation \$800–\$2,000, French drains \$3,000–\$8,000, and exterior waterproofing up to \$30,000.
FAQs	Critical Questions	Key topics covered include moisture drying timelines, safety for DIY cleanup, lifespan of sump pumps, and general mold growth prevention.