Cleveland Basement Flooding Prevention Checklist

5-Step Protection Plan:

â¡ Step 1: Install Sump Pump System

- â¢ Primary pump (1/3 HP minimum)
- â¢ Battery backup for power outages
- â¢ Water-powered backup system
- â¢ Check valve and alarm system

â¡ Step 2: Improve Exterior Grading

- â¢ 6-inch slope away from foundation
- â¢ Extend downspouts 10+ feet from house
- â¢ Install French drains in problem areas

â¡ Step 3: Waterproof Foundation

- â¢ Seal all foundation cracks
- â¢ Apply exterior waterproof membrane
- â¢ Install perimeter drainage tile

â¡ Step 4: Maintain Gutters & Downspouts

- â¢ Clean gutters twice yearly
- â¢ Check for proper drainage flow
- â¢ Repair loose or damaged sections

â¡ Step 5: Emergency Preparedness

- â¢ Know location of water shutoff valve
- â¢ Keep emergency restoration contact handy
- â¢ Document basement condition for insurance

Seasonal Maintenance Schedule:

Spring: Test sump pump, check for cracks, clean gutters
Summer: Monitor humidity, inspect during heavy rains
Fall: Clean gutters, winterize faucets, check battery
Winter: Remove snow from foundation, prevent ice dams

Emergency Contact:

AquaMaster: (440) 832-1566

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