

What Can I Do To Keep My Basement From Flooding

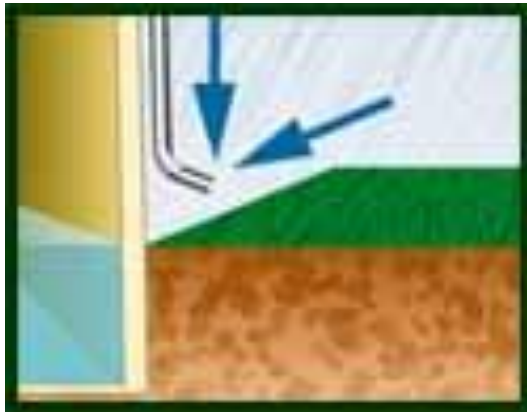


Solutions – 1,2,3

- 1 Lot Grading

Check the outside walls of your home at ground level. If the land slopes in toward the foundation, rainwater is being directed toward the weeping tile system around the home; this can easily overload the Town's sewer system. To correct this problem, you will need to grade your lot so the land slopes away from the foundation.

Incorrect



Correct



Solution 2

- **Downspout Drainage**

Clear the leaves out of your gutters and downspouts regularly and ensure the downspouts do not lead into the ground. If they do, the pipe in the ground must be properly capped and sealed. Then, if possible, redirect the downspouts to discharge at least 1.8 meters (6 Feet) from your walls. Ensure the water is draining onto your property. It is prohibited to discharge your water in a manner that adversely affects neighbouring properties.

Solution 3

- Flood-Proofing Devices

If your weeping tile system is connected to the building drain, you should have it professionally disconnected and re-routed to a sump pit, and have a sump pump installed. In conjunction with this work you have to install a back-flow prevention system.