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Spring Basement Flood Prevention Checklist

Basement flooding is one of the most common springtime issues for homeowners in Troy and throughout Oakland County. Clay-heavy soil, freeze-thaw cycles, and aging drainage systems can allow water to enter quickly. This checklist walks you through simple steps to prepare your basement, identify risks early, and respond confidently if flooding occurs.

Monthly Spring Inspection

- Check basement walls for cracks or damp spots
- Inspect window wells and covers
- Monitor basement humidity levels

Gutter & Drainage Maintenance

- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Extend downspouts away from foundation
- Remove debris from yard drains

Sump Pump Readiness

- Test sump pump operation
- Inspect discharge line
- Confirm battery backup functionality

Exterior Prevention

- Check yard grading
- Look for pooling near foundation
- Seal visible foundation cracks

Emergency Preparation

- Keep restoration contact information accessible
- Review insurance coverage
- Store valuables off basement floors