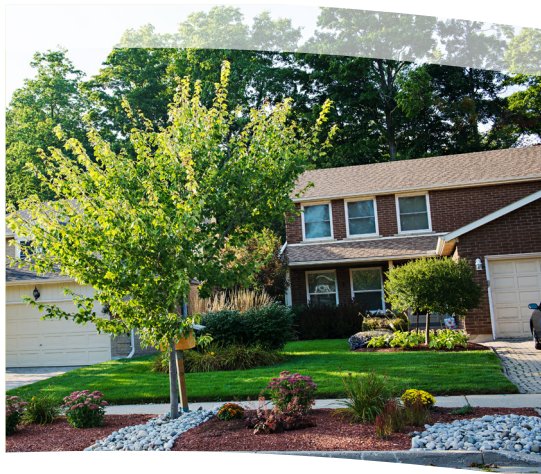




RAIN COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS



Practical, affordable solutions to help protect your home from water damage and reduce pollution in our lakes and rivers.

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SLOW it **DOWN**



Capture and slowly release rainwater to reduce flooding and erosion.

SOAKit up



Use soil and vegetation to absorb rainwater and filter pollutants.

keep it **CLEAN**

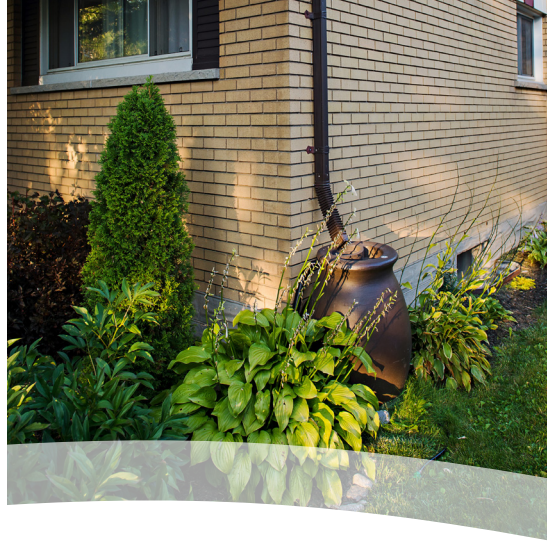


Choose natural household and bodycare products.

- ◆ Disconnect your downspout from the local stormsewer and allow water to soak into lawns and gardens.
- ◆ Install a rain barrel at each downspout.
- ◆ Plant a native tree. A large tree can trap over 9000 litres of stormwater each year.
- ◆ Install water-saving hardware and appliances the next time you are upgrading.

- ◆ Build a rain garden to capture water from roofs and paved areas.
- ◆ Reduce paved areas and consider using permeable options when resurfacing your drive or walkway.
- ◆ Install a soakaway pit or infiltration gallery to help absorb water from downspouts.

- ◆ Dispose of hazardous waste at the waste depot.
- ◆ Direct your downspouts onto a permeable surface. Use salt alternatives if you continue to have icy areas.
- ◆ Contain cigarette butts in an ashtray and dispose of them in the garbage.
- ◆ Pick-up dog waste and compost it.
- ◆ Add compost and aerate your lawn to keep it healthy.



As a property owner you can protect your most valuable asset from water-related damage. Cleaning up after water damage can be expensive and is often not covered by insurance.

RAIN Community Solutions can provide you with practical how-to information about managing rain on your property to reduce flood risk and save money, while also protecting your community and local waterways.

See www.raincommunitysolutions.ca to find out where you can get local hands-on advice and support, including home and business visits, subsidies and credits, workshops, and more.



"The RAIN Home Visit clearly explained what I could do to keep the water away from my foundation and keep my basement dry."

Brandie Bevis
Kitchener, Ontario

Rainproofing Checklist

Use these tips to help keep your basement dry

- ✓ Go outside during a heavy rain to see how and where the water flows from the eaves, downspouts, and paved surfaces.
- ✓ Make sure the ground around your house slopes away from your foundation.
- ✓ Clean your eavestroughs especially in the spring and fall.
- ✓ Direct downspouts 2.4 m (8 ft) away and downslope from your foundation onto a permeable area (lawn or garden).
- ✓ Clear storm drains on your street regularly.
- ✓ If you have a finished basement consider having sewer backflow prevention installed.
- ✓ When furnishing your basement, select furniture that is elevated on legs.
- ✓ Select basement flooring and wall finishes that are not absorbent.



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