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With the arrival of warmer temperatures, Kindersley residents are encouraged to consider potential flooding risks in and around their properties, and to take steps to minimize the damage.

## 9 WAYS TO PREVENT SPRING FLOODING



1. Check eavestroughs and downspouts to determine if they are filled with snow or blocked with ice. Depending upon their condition, once the snow begins to melt, you may need to take steps to clear the eavestroughs in order to allow water flow.
2. When your eavestroughs and downspouts are flowing, ensure that they extend at least 6 feet from your basement walls. Also ensure that the water will not be draining onto your neighbour's property.
3. If the lot grading around your house slopes in towards the foundation, take the time to clear the snow away from your house. This will reduce some of the snow melt from draining towards your basement walls.
4. If you have been prone to basement flooding in the past, consider obtaining and installing a backup sump pump.
5. Check your sump pump to ensure that it is functioning and consider scheduling a maintenance check if you have concerns about the working condition.
6. Consider installing a back flow valve. You can contact a qualified plumber to discuss options regarding this prevention technique.
7. If you already have a back flow valve, ensure that the valve is operating properly and that you access it at any time.
8. Take a look around your basement and consider relocating or protecting items that are irreplaceable. Do you have family photos albums and memorabilia stored in a location potentially affected by basement flooding? Storage in plastic tubs, or relocation to another, drier part of the house might be in order.
9. Finally, consider purchasing insurance to cover your belongings in the event of sewer backup.

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