



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

Protect Your Home From Flooding

Storm & Waste Water

It is important to protect your home from basement flooding because no matter where you live, your home is at risk for flooding. Why?

- Heavy rainstorms that fall over short periods of time can overwhelm storms and sewer systems.
- Even if you or your neighbours have not experienced prior problems with flooding, your home can still be at risk.



Homeowners Guide to Flood Prevention

- Clear eaves troughs, downspouts and catch basins of leaves and other debris that may prevent proper drainage.
- Have your drain system cleaned and repaired if necessary.
- If you are experiencing flooding, make sure to disconnect your downspouts approximately 1.2 metres (four feet) away from basement walls. Ensure that the water is not draining onto your neighbours properties.
- Fix leaks in walls, floors, windows or foundations. Check for moisture along the walls and floor. Fill and seal any visible cracks.
- Ensure storm sewer grates (catch basin grates) both on or near your property aren't blocked by garbage, leaves, ice or other debris that would prevent proper drainage and potentially lead to flooding.
- The homeowner is responsible to determine where the blockage is located, regardless of whether it is on private or public property. You should call a plumber immediately. If your plumber clearly identifies the blockage is on the municipal side, immediately contact Saanich Storm and Wastewater, who will want the plumber to stay on site.
- The homeowner is responsible to take the first steps to minimize any damage to personal property, (i.e. – remove undamaged items from the area to prevent damages.)

Sand bags are available at the Saanich Municipal Yard 1040 McKenzie Avenue. These are for Residents only.

In the case of an Emergency Flooding, please call 250-475-5597.

Visit our website at www.saanich.ca/resident/utilities/wastewater.html