

# FLOOD SMART

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### INVEST IN FLOOD INSURANCE

**DIY:** Did you know an inch of water can cause **\$25,000 in damage**? Talk to your agent about coverage options to adequately insure your home.



### SEAL FOUNDATION CRACKS

**DIY:** Use mortar and masonry caulk to fill foundation cracks to help **keep water out**.



### INSTALL A SUMP PUMP & BACK FLOW VALVE

**DIY:** Make sure you have a sump pump with **battery-operated backup in case of electrical failure**, and consider hiring a plumber to install a back flow valve, to push the flow of water & sewer backup away from your home.



### ELEVATE UTILITIES

**DIY:** Raise and anchor air conditioning condensers, heat pumps, water meters and other service equipment onto platforms **at least 1 foot above the potential flood elevation**. Consider raising other major appliances above the ground floor.



### LANDSCAPE TO IMPROVE RUNOFF

**DIY:** Build up any sunken areas around the foundation, dig small depressions to properly channel water, and otherwise improve your yard so it **slopes away from your home**.