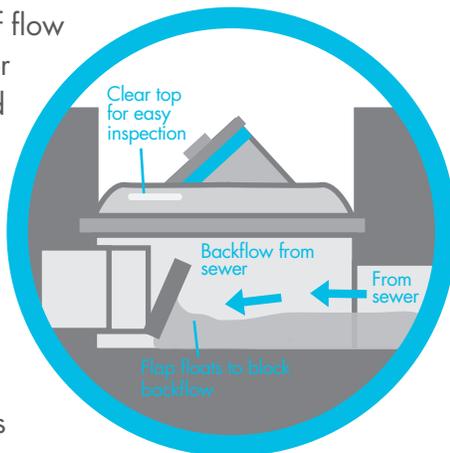


# Understanding Flood Prevention Devices: What they are and how they help

## Backwater valve

Back water valves prevent sewage backup or waste water from entering your basement. Under normal circumstances, this water drains out of your home through pipes. In certain situations, however, the municipal sewage or storm water systems become overloaded and force waste water back through the drains.

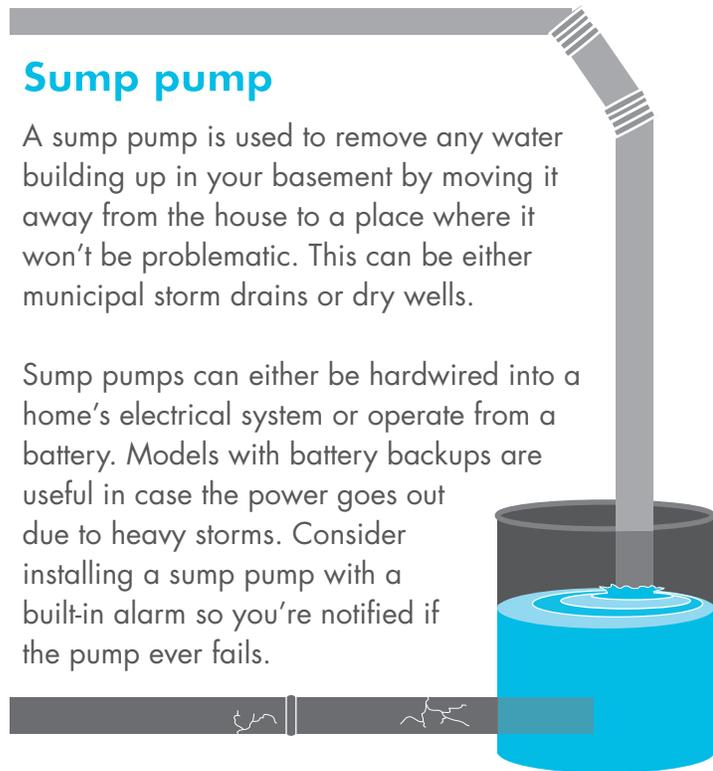
When this reversal of flow occurs, the backwater valve is forced closed to protect your home from sewer backup. They are especially useful in any home where fixtures or drainage openings have been installed below grade, such as in basements.



## Sump pump

A sump pump is used to remove any water building up in your basement by moving it away from the house to a place where it won't be problematic. This can be either municipal storm drains or dry wells.

Sump pumps can either be hardwired into a home's electrical system or operate from a battery. Models with battery backups are useful in case the power goes out due to heavy storms. Consider installing a sump pump with a built-in alarm so you're notified if the pump ever fails.



## Water sensor

Water sensors detect the water levels in various areas of your home, notifying you if they rise above a normal level. Relatively inexpensive, install these around your home in areas where leaks may occur, such as basements, utility and laundry rooms.

A wide variety of sensors are available, such as ultrasonic sensors, pressure transducers, bubblers and float sensors. Some models will even call your cell phone or send a text message as an alert.



## How can we help?

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## What can you do?

Consider the risks facing your home and take preventative measures. Install flood prevention devices, such as a water sensor or sump pump and turn off the main water supply if you'll be away for a period of time. If you have questions, speak to your BrokerLink broker.

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