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SOMETIMES DEALING WITH WET BASEMENTS IS EASY

Sometimes it's an easy fix. We recently inspected a house during a heavy rainstorm. Everybody was surprised to see about a foot of water in the basement. It was easy to see that the gutters and leaders were completely clogged and overflowing. Water built up along the foundation, saturated the soil, and created water pressure below grade. It poured into the basement through a crack in the foundation wall. Within a week, the owner had the gutters and downspouts cleaned, and installed downspout extensions. Shortly after the work was done it rained hard again for a full day. We were asked to come back and check the basement while it was raining; it was completely dry. So, like I said, sometimes the fix is simple and cheap.

Of course, it's not always that easy, but it's always the 1st thing to check.

Moral of the story? Clean your gutters and downspouts twice a year (even more in the fall). And make sure the water is directed away from the foundation.

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