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CAA INSURANCE OFFERS TIPS TO HOMEOWNERS AHEAD OF EXPECTED HEAVY RAINFALL THIS WEEKEND

WINNIPEG, MB – As Southern Manitoba braces for heavy rainfall over the weekend, CAA Manitoba Insurance offers tips to homeowners to prevent basement flooding.

“Heavy rainfall puts pressure on many areas of your house,” explains Wendy Shrimpton, Vice President of Property and Casualty Insurance for CAA Manitoba. “Water always flows down, which for some, unfortunately means into basements.”

Here are some tips to prevent water in your basement:

What you should do before it rains

- Clean eavestroughs and gutters. This will allow water to flow away from your house. Downspout connections should carry water at least 5 feet away from the home’s foundation.
- Check on your backwater valve. Backwater valves prevent sewage from entering into your home. Ensure that no debris are trapped in it.

What you should do when it starts raining

- Watch your basement for signs of water. Have a dehumidifier and oscillating fans ready, especially if your home is prone to basement flooding.
- Check eavestroughs. Ensure water is flowing and is not being plugged anywhere.

What to do to further prevent basement flooding

- Proper ground slope around your house. This will ensure rain is flowing away from your house, instead of against it.
- Fix cracks in your home’s foundation and window wells: These are common areas for water to come in.

Homeowners are encouraged to talk to their licensed insurance broker if they have any questions about their insurance coverage.