

Follow Your Water After Rain

A homeowner observation checklist

Wait until conditions are safe. Observe from the ground; do not climb a ladder, enter a crawl space, open drains or approach flooded streets. Record only what you can see.

Date / time: _____ Rain event / duration: _____

☐ **1. Roof edge and gutters**

From a safe viewpoint, note visible overflow, water spilling behind gutters, sagging sections or disconnected pieces. Mark the side of the house.

☐ **2. Downspouts and connections**

Identify where each visible downspout ends. Note disconnected joints, water escaping at a buried-pipe connection, or an outlet you cannot locate.

☐ **3. Ground beside the home**

Photograph pooling, splashing, erosion or water flowing toward the home. Note when it appears and whether it remains after rainfall ends.

☐ **4. Final outlet**

If safely visible, note whether the outlet is clear and water is leaving it. A curb outlet is appropriate only where the location and discharge are approved.

☐ **5. Patterns and questions**

Take photos from the same viewpoint over time. Note any known interior moisture symptoms for the inspector. These observations do not diagnose their cause.

Observations / photo references:

Ask before approving work

What is the likely source? Is a targeted repair enough? Where will water discharge? What approvals, access for cleaning, testing and maintenance are included in the written scope?

Roof runoff is one possible moisture source. Groundwater, plumbing and humidity may need separate assessment. Drainage work does not repair existing structural settlement.

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