

# WHY DOWNSPOUTS MATTER

## *Quick Homeowner Guide*

Downspouts are the final step in your gutter system — and one of the most important. They move water safely away from your home to prevent flooding, erosion, and foundation damage.

### **What Downspouts Do**

- Carry water from gutters to the ground
- Prevent overflow during heavy rain
- Protect your foundation from pooling water
- Reduce basement leaks and soil erosion

### **Common Downspout Problems**

- Clogs inside the pipe
- Loose or disconnected elbows
- Downspouts draining too close to the home
- Crushed or damaged extensions

### **How to Keep Them Working**

- Flush downspouts during each cleaning
- Make sure extensions reach 4–6 feet from the home
- Reattach loose elbows or brackets
- Replace crushed or bent sections

### **Pro Tip**

If water spills out where the downspout meets the gutter, the vertical pipe is clogged.

### **Protect Your Home — Start Here**



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