

Neglected Rain Gutters Cost Homeowners Needless Water Damage Bills

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Gutter Cleaning

Rain gutters are an important part of your home and should be on a regular maintenance schedule to keep them clean. Doing so will extend the life of your gutters and help maintain proper drainage

(Newswire.net -- July 31, 2013) Vancouver, BC -- Local gutter cleaning contractors show time and again how much damage is caused to residential properties every year by needless water damage. There are three causes for poor drainage, sometimes is it poor drainage planing right from the start because of laziness on the contractors part, but the more likely culprit of poor drainage is neglect on the homeowners part due to these two factors. Either the perimeter drainage system has not been flushed often enough and has

clogged with dirt and debris. Or there is a combination of the former and an added load caused by neglected rain gutters.

When house gutters are not kept clear the down spouts get plugged and water spills over the edge onto the flower beds and too near the foundation. This causes water buildup and pressure on the foundation walls. If you study the effects of constant water pressure on cinder blocks or cement foundations you will find they crack and crumble letting water into the basement.

Wet Basement Problems

When water starts seeping up through the floor or cracks in the wall you have a problem that needs immediate attention. Once a wet basement is discovered do not let this type of problem go unresolved, the bills will only get bigger the longer you wait. This type of problem must be addresses from the ground up. Don't waste time trying to handle it yourself, call a professional right away. It is usually a good idea to ask around and try to get a plumbing company or a drain specialist someone has dealt with before. If you can't get a referral then look online for a few plumbers with good reviews. There are always good people in the industry if you do your research.

Once you have the drainage problem under control then turn your attention to the gutters if they were a contributing factor. They should be clean, flowing easily, free of leaks and the down spouts should be draining away from the foundation. Proper drainage starts with [gutter cleaning](#) and will save tens of thousands in needless bills with a little care and attention.

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