

# One Stop Shop News



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## Avoiding a Water Damaged Basement

Before spring returns, you should make sure your basement won't flood as snow and ice melt. There are several things to look for when inspecting your basement for potential spots where flooding could occur: proper placement and condition of gutters and downspouts, a foundation free of cracks, a working sump pump, a clean septic and sewer system and window covers for below grade windows. Call One Stop Home Repair to ensure your basement is ready for spring.

The goal of gutters is to draw storm water at least 3 feet away from your home. In order to do that, the gutters have to be clear of debris and downspouts have to be directed away from the house and long enough to direct water accordingly. If necessary, you can get extensions and/or troughs to prevent water from traveling where it shouldn't.

Foundation cracks are the perfect invitation for water, especially when snow melts and water can't escape as it sits beneath the snow. The only direction that it can go is toward the cracks in your basement. Minor cracks can be sealed with epoxy and masonry sealer. If a crack is more serious you should give us a call immediately.

Your sump pump should be free of debris and connected to a reliable power source. If your power goes out frequently, a generator would be a wise investment.

Any below grade basement windows would benefit from window well covers to ensure that rain and melt water can't get inside. You can choose durable, clear covers that allow natural light into the basement.

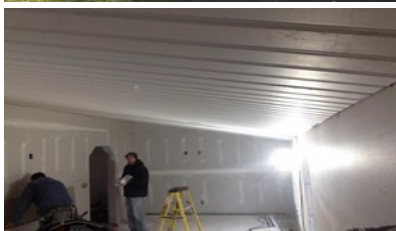
It's better to be prepared for the worst than not prepared at all. Avoiding water damage in the first place is far preferable to having to even use the best homeowner's insurance. Give One Stop Home Repair a call for a water damage prevention assessment.

## New Construction – 3-Season Sun Room



Building an addition on your home increases the value of your home, as well as the attractiveness. This addition is a three-season sun room.

The addition includes a custom-made fireplace mantel that was constructed by One Stop Home Repair. It was designed to fit over a gas fireplace.



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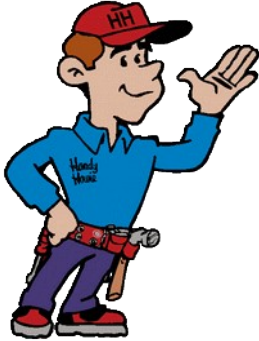


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### Photo of the Month



Two level deck complete. For more photos of this project visit the "Project Gallery" on our website. Look for the project titled *Apartment Building Rebuilt After Being Destroyed by a Fire* in "Insurance Restorations".

### Ask Handy Howie

**Why is a thermal imaging camera part of One Stop Home Repair's Free Energy Analysis?**

1. Fast and simple method to identify energy loss in your home without tearing out drywall.
- 2.) Exciting method to determine where water damage has compromised insulation.
- 3.) Unobtrusive way to find rodent activity in your attic, basement or crawlspace.
- 4.) Easy approach to find holes in rough openings of windows and doors that could be contributing to heat loss.

### February Checklist

- [ ] Refinish your kitchen cabinets.
- [ ] Sweep salt and sand off steps and decks.
- [ ] Change the filter in your furnace.
- [ ] Clean range hood filter and fan.



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