



Water Damage Restoration: Stopping The Wet Basement Cycle

Do you have a leaky basement with standing water on the floor? Do you see discoloration on the walls? Can you smell mold? If so, it's time to call Kelley Construction Contractors in Bloomington and learn about possible solutions for your basement. Whether you have a new home in a master planned community or you have inherited a historic farm house, all Bloomington homes can have water issues.

Signs Of Water Problems

Even if you don't spend a lot of time in your basement, it's important to regularly inspect the space for common signs of problems. Common signs that you have a wet basement include bowed walls, leaking windows, or rotting floorboards. Even an overworked dehumidifier is a red flag that you have too much moisture.

If you notice any of these signs of a wet basement, contact [kelley construction contractors, Inc.](#) immediately. Our waterproofing contractors will come to your property for a professional inspection and recommend the best wet basement solutions.

Possible Solutions

When attempting to cure a wet basement, most people reach for some sort of sealer product to coat their interior foundation walls. However, start with the easy solutions first. Some wet basements are easy to cure simply by clearing gutters and by diverting gutter water away from the foundation.

But if the problem comes from other sources — water flowing toward the house on the surface, seeping in from underground, or backing up through municipal storm drains — you must take more aggressive action.

A crack in the wall can be a warning sign that some water damage is occurring, or it can be a sign of some other structural problems. Usually cracking occurs from a) excessive moisture from weather and climate or b) inadequate drainage from soggy soil. Pay attention to cracks in window seals and door panes too, as this could point to water damage. A crack can be the cause and/or the effect of water seepage in your basement.

If you see water dribbling into the basement through cracks or gaps around plumbing pipes, call the Kelley Construction team to investigate the origin of the moisture. But if the water is coming up through the floor, or at the joint where floor and walls meet, the problem is groundwater, and plugs won't do the trick. You'll need a bit more help from Kelley.

Repair your footing drains. If water is leaking into your basement low on the walls or at the seams where the walls meet the floor, your problem is hydrostatic pressure pushing water up from the ground. Check whether you have footing drains, underground pipes installed when the house was built, to carry water away from the foundation. Look for a manhole or drain in the basement floor or a cleanout pipe capped a few inches above the floor.

Waterproof The Walls

Installing an interior drainage system gets the water out but doesn't waterproof the walls. If there are visible cracks and holes in your foundation walls, Kelley Construction can patch, plug and fill them with hydraulic cement, which is formulated to work in damp conditions. Then they can apply a waterproof coating specifically made for basements.

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If you find yourself in need of an experienced water damage restoration specialist that can take care of every aspect of getting your property back to normal, Kelley Construction provides comprehensive water damage services that will restore your property back to its original condition, if not better. With teams dispatched from three physical locations, they can quickly serve the community of Bloomington, Illinois.