

Pumps

If you are at risk from rising groundwater which enters your property through the floor, pumps can often help you to keep levels of floodwater down to a more manageable level.



But accept that floodwater may still get in.

Resilience measures, such as waterproof plaster, solid concrete floors or tiled floor coverings help to reduce the amount of time it takes to get back to normal following a flood. Raising electric sockets above floor level can help to preserve your electricity supply, while simple steps such as moving valuables and paperwork to higher levels can greatly help to lessen the impact and damage caused by flooding.

Useful Links

Environment Agency website: www.environment-agency.gov.uk
National Flood Forum website: www.floodforum.org.uk
Blue Pages Directory: www.bluepages.org.uk
Flood Protection Association: www.thefpa.org.uk/

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What is Property Level Protection?

FACT

Recent abnormal weather patterns have brought floods to many people who never thought their homes would or could flood.

Property-level protection is all about the measures we can take to protect our homes from flooding.

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What can you do...?

What can I do?

Try to keep flood water out!

Resistance measures generally consist of products such as barriers, non-return valves and airbrick covers (or self-closing airbricks) which can all be fitted to the outside of your property to prevent flood water getting inside.

Barriers

Barriers come in lots of different shapes and sizes from a variety of different manufacturers. These can generally be fitted to any openings such as doors, windows, or even cat flaps, blocking them up and providing a watertight seal to prevent floodwater passing through into your home. Measures can either be manually deployed or can remain in situ, working automatically during a flood event (flood doors).



Non-return valves (NRVs)

Non-return valves can be fitted to drains to prevent floodwater backing up into your home. They are also available for use in foul chambers to prevent the backing up and ingress of foul sewage.



Airbrick/vent covers

Airbrick/vent covers are available in a number of different styles from a variety of suppliers. These can be placed over existing airbricks and air vents, sealing them to prevent the ingress of floodwater. Alternatively existing airbricks can be replaced with automatically closing airbricks. These seal themselves when water threatens to enter the property.



Although a variety of automatic options are now available, it is important to understand that these products do still require regular maintenance and in some instances may be more expensive.