



house. When installing new gutters or repairing old ones, allow one square inch of outlet space for every 100 square feet of roof area. Many houses do not meet this minimum requirement. Gutters should slope toward the downspout at 1/4" drop every 10 feet. If you have a very high-pitched roof, allow for slightly more slope.

There are many different styles of gutters and downspout products on the market today. For example, there are seamless gutters, gutters with different cover devices and gutters that tilt for cleaning. The options are endless and can be expensive. However, poor drainage around your home can be even more costly in the long run. Water that settles near your foundation will eventually crack the block and seep into your basement.

If a damp basement is your problem, a good place to start is to make sure the ground around your foundation slopes away from the house not toward it. For low spots, add enough dirt or rock to create a slope that will carry water away even after the dirt is compacted. You may have to wait until after a couple of good hard rainstorms before determining if you have indeed added

enough dirt and if this solution alone is enough to fix your moisture problem. You may also want to lay plastic beneath the top layer of soil to help direct the water flow. Many landscapers now incorporate this into their design. It also helps prevent weeds.

When determining what type of drainage system will work best for you, research the subject thoroughly. Go to your local home improvement store and ask questions. If you are handy and plan on installing or repairing the gutters yourself, be sure to fully investigate the installation process of the system you are intending to purchase. What appears simple could be frustrating in reality. Search the Internet to discover what products are sold in other areas of the country. You might find something that would be perfect for your situation. A new gutter system can be a substantial investment, so do your homework.

Fixing poor drainage around your home is a win/win situation for the homeowner. Not only will it make your home more aesthetically pleasing, but it will also extend the life of your home. **HS**



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