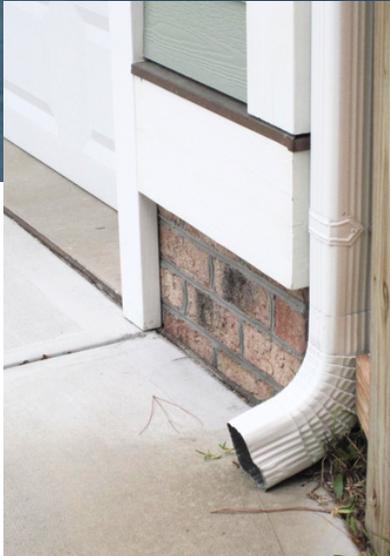


HOW TO:

Reroute A Downspout

LOCATE DOWNSPOUTS

Look for downspouts that are currently pointed towards a driveway, sidewalk, roadway, or other hard surface where stormwater runs off and does not soak in.



FIND GARDEN OR NATURAL SPACE NEARBY

Look near the downspout for a garden, landscaping, or natural area that has enough space for runoff to spread out on your own property (do NOT direct runoff onto a neighbor's property). You will redirect your downspout to that area.



VISIT HOME IMPROVEMENT STORE

Head to a local home improvement store to find either a splash block or a flexible downspout extender. Average costs run from \$10 - \$20, depending on the size and style.

OPTION 1: LAY DOWN SPLASH BLOCK

Take your splash block and lay it under your downspout so that the wide end is pointed towards the garden, landscaping, or natural area you found earlier. The splash block will also help prevent erosion directly under the downspout.



OPTION 2: INSTALL FLEXIBLE REROUSER

Pull on both ends of the flexible downspout extender to expand it. Attach one end to the downspout and twist the other end of the extender towards the garden, landscaping, or natural area you found earlier. Avoid laying it over a walkway, which can be a tripping hazard (a shorter splash block may work better near walkways). Flexible extenders can also be used to set up rain barrels.

OPTION 3: INSTALL A RAIN BARREL

If there isn't enough yard space or you have poor drainage, you can install a rain barrel instead! For local rain barrel sales and directions on how to install one, visit www.nhcgov.com/273/Rain-Barrel-Sales.



Tips & Tricks

Downspout Reroute

Stormwater runoff flows over hard surfaces, like driveways and walkways, and picks up pollutants along its path. Runoff eventually washes into storm drains and ditches, which lead to our waterways -- **without treatment**.



Did you know?

During heavy rains, 12 gallons of stormwater runoff can come down a downspout **per minute!**

Redirecting the flow of downspouts towards lawns and planted spaces gives stormwater a chance to slow down, spread out, and even soak in before reaching local waterways.

Tips for Success:

-  Be a good neighbor - please don't redirect runoff onto your neighbor's property.
-  Flow down and away - make sure you don't redirect runoff to an uphill space as gravity will always win!
-  Don't trip - avoid placing long extenders over a walkway. A shorter splash block may be better!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I get a downspout extender or splash block?

Many styles are available online, but basic varieties can be found at home improvement stores.

Will this cause flooding in my yard?

This may make your yard soggy temporarily, but shouldn't be an issue if you have good drainage. Plus, it's free water for your lawn! Consider a rain barrel instead if you have poor drainage.

What if I don't have yard space to spread out runoff?

If you have a small yard or poor drainage, another option is to attach a rain barrel to your downspout. This will at least capture some runoff from your roof that you can then use to water your plants. Direct your rain barrel's overflow hose to the normal drainage pattern.

