

Downspout Redirect Program - How To Guide



What you'll Need:

- Hacksaw
- Tape measure
- Hammer
- Screw driver
- Pliers
- Sheet metal screws
- Downspout elbow
- Downspout extension
- Splash block (optional)
- Rubber cap

Cost should be less than \$15 per downspout.

Step One: Measure 9" from where the downspout enters the street connection.



Step Two: Cut the downspout with a hacksaw.



Step Three: Cap the sewer standpipe. This prevents water from going in. You can use a simple rubber cap secured by a hose clamp. Or, you can also use a wing-nut test plug if available cap sizes don't fit.



Step Four: Insert the downspout into the elbow (if you put the elbow into the downspout, it will leak). You may need to crimp the end of the downspout with a pair of pliers to get a good fit.



Step Five:

Attach a downspout pipe extension to carry water away from the house and foundation. You can use a hacksaw to cut the extension to the desired length. Be sure to insert the elbow into the extension to prevent leaks. Secure the elbow and extension with sheet metal screws. To prevent erosion where the water drains, you can place a splash pad at the end of the downspout extension.

Please note: When redirecting the rain water from the disconnected downspout, water should flow onto your grass or garden. It is important to ensure that:

1. Water flows away from your foundation walls
2. Water does not negatively impact on your neighbours property
3. Water does not flow directly onto a City sidewalk

