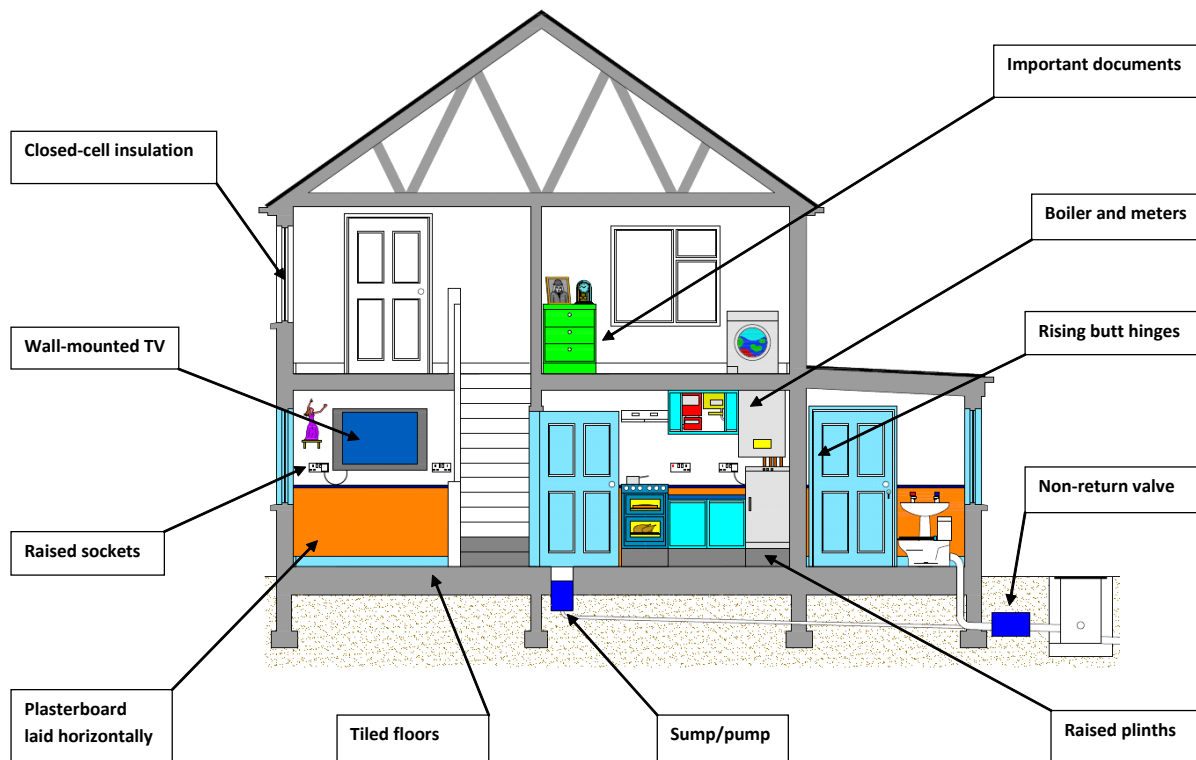


MAKING YOUR HOME FLOOD REPAIRABLE

Thinking about how you recover from a flood should be a big part of your emergency plan. When people are flooded they often find that recovering their home is even more stressful than the flood itself. If you have been flooded before, you might understand how difficult recovery can be and want to make changes to limit damage and get back to normal more quickly if you were flooded again. There are lots of things you can do to help speed up recovery – some of them mean making changes to your home, **making your home flood repairable so you can get back home as soon as possible**, and you can do this at any time. Some of the ideas don't cost much at all and others don't cost much extra if you are redecorating or buying things for your home after a flood, or at any other time.

The picture shows lots of different ways you can think about making your home more repairable. Some of them you can do yourself – others would need a specialist. It is also important to understand the sort of flooding you are likely to experience and to think about how much warning time you are likely to have to prepare your house immediately before the flood happens.

The Flood-Repairable House



Adapted from original image courtesy of the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership (www.escp.org.uk)

Go to the floodrepairable website to find out more:

<https://floodrepairable.wordpress.com/>

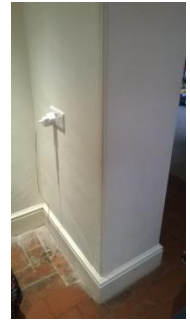
For more information on how to protect your home from flooding please see:

Homeowners guide to flood resilience

http://www.knowyourfloodrisk.co.uk/sites/default/files/FloodGuide_ForHomeowners.pdf

RAISED SOCKETS

Making sure your sockets are higher than the expected flood depth can save you having to have your property rewired after a flood. Having sockets higher up the wall can be more convenient too and makes your house up to date and consistent with regulations for new houses. If you are having your walls repaired after a flood you can ask the insurance company to do this and often it won't cost you anything. If you are having any building work your electrician can often raise sockets without too much extra cost or disruption.



REPLACING CARPETS WITH VINYL OR RUGS



Some floor coverings can survive most floods and just need a good clean before you can move back in. Examples are tiles, some vinyls and resins - but you must make sure that you get good advice about the adhesive and grouting you need to use to make sure that the tiles and vinyls stay in place during a flood. Depending on the type of flood, and the type of floor, these types of floor coverings might reduce the amount of water that gets into your floor and speed up any drying. You can make this kind of change next time you are thinking of replacing your carpet or you can talk to your insurer after a flood.

RAISING YOUR ELECTRICAL GOODS AND TECH

This can include things like your TV or your oven as well as the white goods in your kitchen. You can mount your TV on a higher shelf or onto the wall above the likely flood level. You can do this at any time and it should be fairly cheap to do. High level ovens can be built in next time you change the kitchen. You can move things permanently or think about how you could move them just before a flood



REMOVABLE INTERNAL DOORS

If you think you will have a warning and time to move things, then make sure that furniture is lightweight and you know where you might put it. Doors can also be removed if they are lightweight and have the right hinges. New hinges can be put on doors at any time and you can also ask your insurer to do this after a flood. This might not cost you anything if your doors are being replaced anyway. You can do the same with kitchen cabinet or fitted cupboard doors.

For more information on how to protect your home from flooding please see:

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