



**1** Keep road drains clear of obstructions



**2** Clear eavestroughs and downspouts so that water is directed away from your home

**3** If you're planning on being away, arrange for someone to check your property

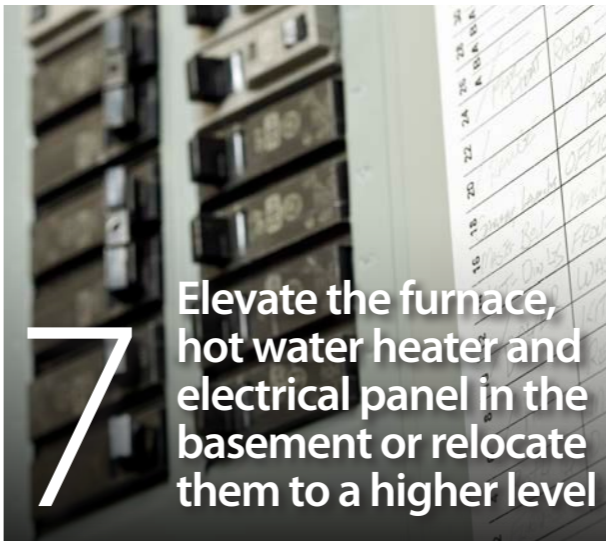
**4** Ensure there is proper grading around your home

**5** Install a sump pump or make sure the one you have is working properly

**6** Install backwater valves or plugs in drains, toilets and other sewer connects

# IBC TOP 10 TIPS

## Reducing risk of water damage



**7** Elevate the furnace, hot water heater and electrical panel in the basement or relocate them to a higher level



**8** Store important documents and irreplaceable personal objects where they cannot be damaged



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**9** Do not finish areas, such as the basement, that may be prone to flooding

**10** Don't keep any expensive items in the basement