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Maintenance

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Eavestroughs or rain gutters collect runoff (rainfall and snow melt) from your roof then direct it away from the walls of your house and your foundation. Eavestroughs are located directly below your roofline which slope towards and connect with the **downspout**. The **downspout** (a hollow pipe) that ends in an elbow and is connected to an **extension** directs the stormwater 1.5 to 2m away from your foundation towards the drainage swale which directs water to the street or back lane.

In a narrow yard, a shorter extension can rest on a **splash pad**. A splash pad is made of concrete or plastic and it slopes away from the foundation.

Cleaning and maintenance of your eavestroughs will help to ensure excess water is not collecting near your foundation.

Tips to ensure your eavestroughs function:

- Check and clean them regularly (spring and fall)
- Test by pouring water into the furthest end and check for leaks, sags, cracks, holes, or pooling water
- Use silicone to repair leaks and use it to seal all connector joints and end caps
- Seal leaks from the inside of the eavestrough
- Prune your trees to prevent leaves etc. from falling into your eavestrough

Downspout
from eavestroughs

Elbow

Splash pad

