

Options for Protecting Homes & Businesses from Floods



Crossing your fingers and hoping for the best doesn't protect your home or business from flooding.

And while sandbags might seem like an inexpensive and viable option on the surface, the truth is that sandbags do not prevent water seepage; aren't reusable because they usually disintegrate and become contaminated by sewage in floodwater; and must be disposed of at facility that accepts hazardous waste.

There are better flood prevention products out there. Listed below are a sampling of barriers and other products that have been rigorously tested and certified by the **National Flood Barrier Testing and Certification Program**, a collaborative effort of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and FM Approvals.

The program tests and certifies four types of products that prevent or lessen flood damage:

- 1) Temporary barriers that surround your structure (perimeter barriers)
- 2) Barriers fitted to your windows and doors (opening barriers)
- 3) Backflow valves that prevent stormwater and flood waters from entering your home, and
- 4) Pumps to keep floodwaters from entering, or for fast clean up after a flood (flood mitigation pumps, often used with barrier systems to control seepage)

The NFBTC program provides an unbiased process of testing and certifying flood abatement products in terms of resistance to water forces, material properties and consistency of product manufacturing. All of the products listed on the NFBTC webpage have earned the FM Approved "diamond standard" label. In other words, you can have peace of mind knowing that these products will perform exactly as advertised.



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