

## The Sump Pump Nobody Tested: Why Aurora Basements Could Flood This Monsoon Season

After a dry spring of water restrictions, an active Colorado monsoon is landing on hard-baked ground, and Superior Mile High Plumbing warns that idle sump pumps are the one thing standing between Aurora homes and a flooded basement.



**Aurora, Colorado Jul 5, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](http://Issuewire.com))** - After a spring spent worrying about too little water, Aurora homeowners now face the opposite problem. Superior Mile High Plumbing, an Aurora-based plumbing service provider, is warning residents that the same dry conditions that triggered this year's watering restrictions have set the stage for basement flooding as Colorado's monsoon season ramps up. The company's message is direct: the sump pump that sat idle through the dry spring is often the only thing protecting a basement from the storms now rolling across the Front Range.

The risk is not theoretical. In late June, a slow-moving storm dropped roughly six inches of rain in about two hours over the foothills west of the metro, triggering major flooding in Evergreen and Kittredge, water rescues as residents were trapped in their homes, and enough overflow from Bear Creek to shut down a state highway. The Evergreen Metropolitan District reported the event surpassed the historic 2013 floods. While that flooding hit the foothills rather than Aurora directly, it is an early and severe

signal that this monsoon season is already dangerous, with the peak of Colorado's flash-flood window still weeks away in late July and August.

The City of Aurora itself frames summer storms as the primary flood threat. According to the city, floods in Aurora are generally caused by heavy rains during summer storms, and as development spreads, more water runs off more quickly and overloads the drainage system more often. The city advises residents to test the backup power on their sump pumps and keep basement floor drains clear before storms arrive. Superior Mile High Plumbing notes that this is exactly the maintenance most homeowners skipped this year, because outdoor water use was cut back and few people had any reason to run their pump.

"The problem with a dry spring is that nobody thinks about their sump pump until it's too late," said Hector Frias-Chavarria of Superior Mile High Plumbing. "That pump sat off for months. Then the first hard monsoon storm hits, the ground is too baked to absorb it, all that water heads for the lowest point in the house, and people find out their pump is dead right when they need it most. We'd rather help someone test it in July than pump out their basement in August."

The company points to three checks Aurora homeowners can make before the heaviest storms arrive. The first is the sump pump itself, including a working check valve and a backup battery so the pump keeps running during the power outages that often accompany big storms. The second is a backwater valve, a device many homeowners have never heard of, which stops city sewage from pushing back up through basement floor drains when a downpour overwhelms the public sewer. The third is a sewer camera inspection and drain clearing, since a slow line that limps along in dry weather is often the one that backs up during the first hard rain.

These concerns are amplified by Aurora's housing itself. Most Aurora homes have basements and sit on expansive clay soil, which sheds fast, heavy rain toward foundations rather than absorbing it. In the city's older neighborhoods, sump pumps, sewer lines, and backwater protection may be original to homes built decades ago, meaning the equipment facing this year's storms is often the least prepared for them.

Superior Mile High Plumbing operates 24/7 with licensed and insured technicians familiar with Aurora's infrastructure, soil conditions, and basement-heavy housing stock. The company emphasizes that a pre-monsoon check is preventive maintenance, not an emergency, and that the goal is to help homeowners avoid the far larger cost of water damage restoration.

Aurora residents who want to learn more about protecting their basement before the next storm can contact Superior Mile High Plumbing at (303) 304-0784 or visit [superiormilehighplumbing.com](http://superiormilehighplumbing.com).

### **About Superior Mile High Plumbing**

Superior Mile High Plumbing provides residential plumbing services throughout Aurora and the Denver metropolitan area, specializing in drain and sewer repair, emergency plumbing, and water heater services. The company focuses on permanent repairs built for Colorado's plumbing challenges.

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