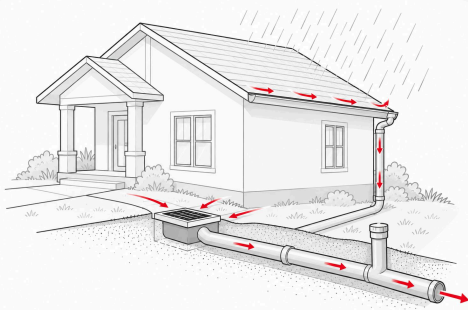


Here are five most important things to check before the storm hits.

EL NIÑO 2026 HOMEOWNER PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

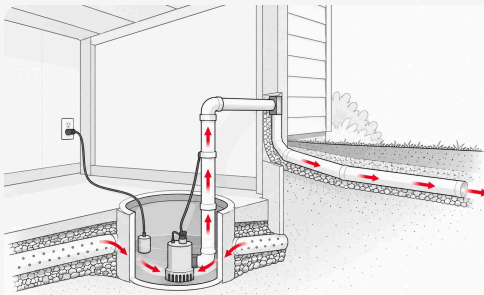
The forecast predicts that this year, El Niño will be stronger than any storm since 1950. To help you get ready for the severe weather, we have created this checklist to review your home's essential systems.

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Clean Your Drains and Check Your Plumbing Before the Rainy Season

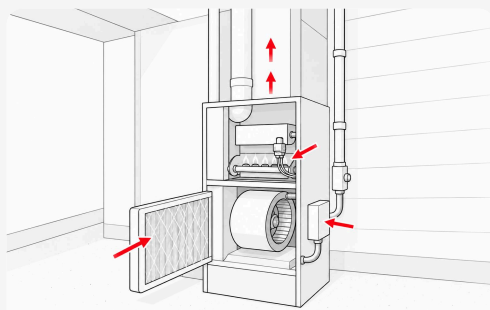
Check the following:

- Yard and landscape drains.
- Downspouts and their drainage connections.
- Drainage pipes that have previously backed up.
- Sewer lines with recurring blockages.

02

Test Your Sump Pump or Install One

If your pump's manufacturer permits a homeowner test, carefully follow the instructions for adding water to the sump basin and confirming that the pump starts and discharges water. Don't have a sump pump? You can contact us today and our plumbers will come, evaluate your drainage needs and recommend the right solution.

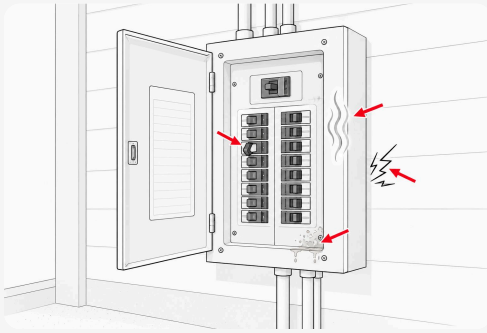
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Check Your Furnace or Heat Pump Before the First Cold Night

Common problems after summer include:

- Dirty or clogged air filters.
- Thermostat malfunctions.
- Ignition or burner problems in gas furnaces.
- Electrical connection issues.

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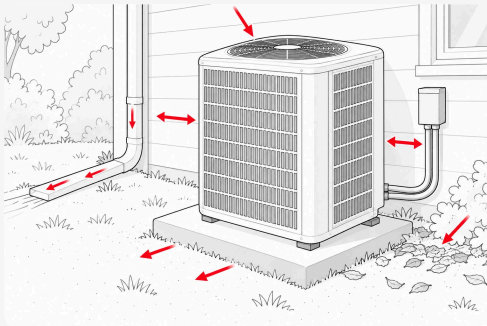
Inspect Your Electrical Panel and Check for Existing Problems

Warning signs include:

- Circuit breakers that trip repeatedly.
- Burning smells near the electrical panel.
- Buzzing or crackling sounds.
- Visible rust or moisture damage.

Pro-tip: install a whole-home surge protective device. It can help reduce damage from overvoltages and protect your home.

05



Check Your Outdoor HVAC Unit Before Heavy Rain

Keep leaves and loose debris away from the equipment and maintain the manufacturer's recommended clearance.

Make sure surrounding drainage directs water away from the unit.

If the equipment is located in a flood-prone area, ask an HVAC professional whether additional protection or relocation is appropriate.

PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR EL NIÑO WITH FUSE SERVICE

Your home's HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems work together to keep your property comfortable, functional, and safe. Preparing for winter storms means looking beyond just one piece of equipment. If you need any help preparing for the severe weather, contact us today.

CONTACT US

FUSE SERVICE WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOUR HOME IS READY AND WILL KEEP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE DURING EL NIÑO.

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