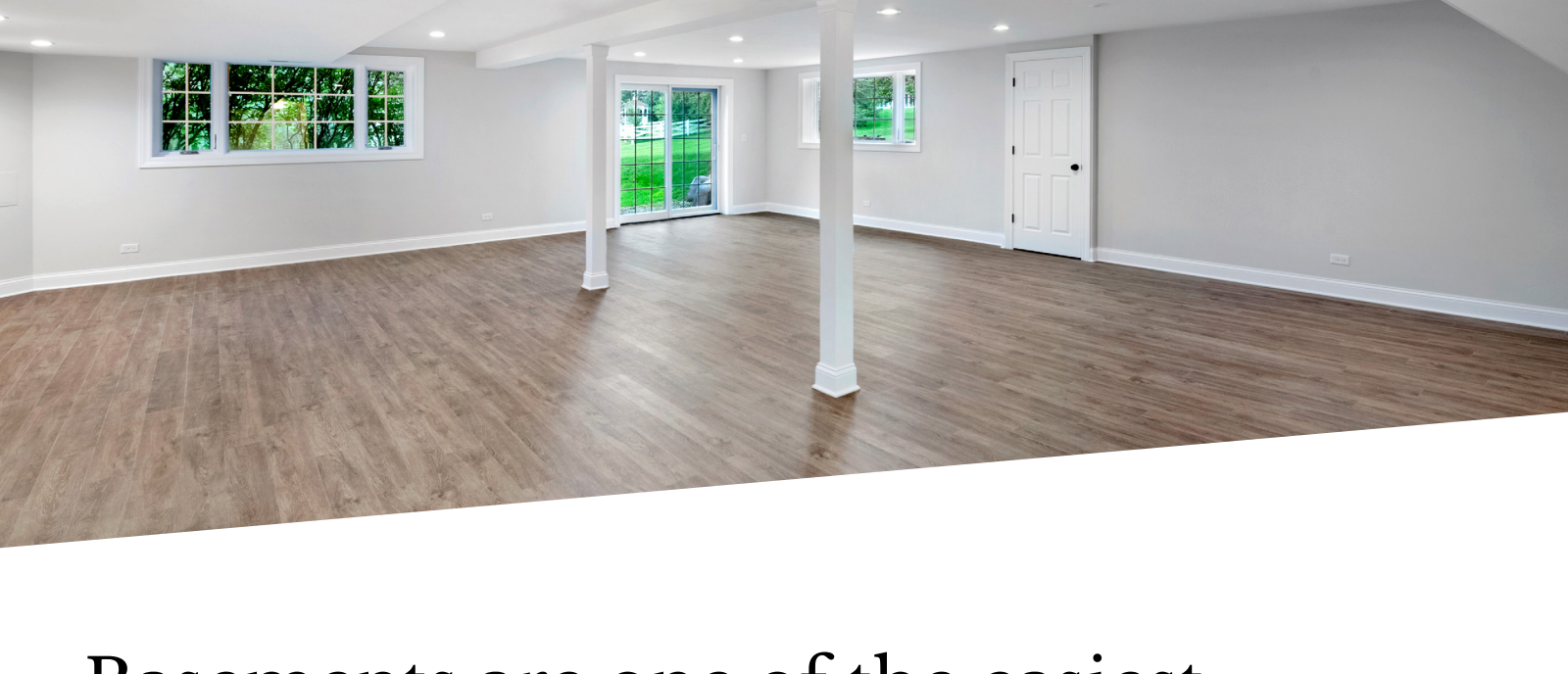
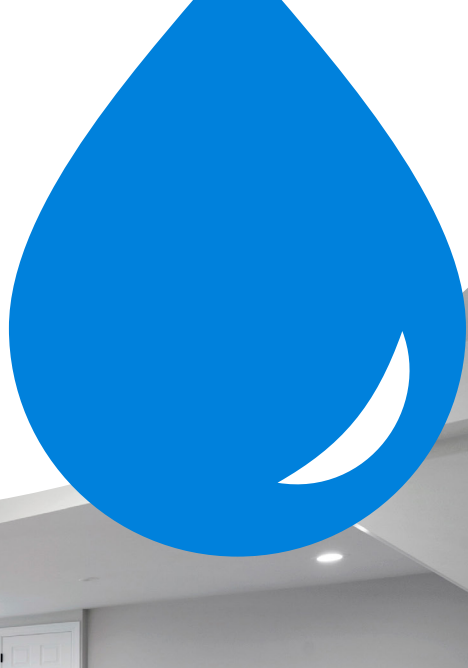
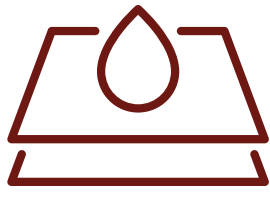


# Basement Comfort & Moisture Guide

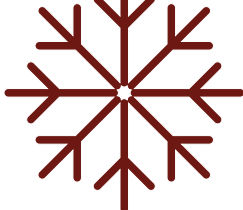


Basements are one of the easiest places to choose the wrong floor. Moisture, temperature, and comfort all need to work together.

## Start With the Basement Itself



Moisture lingers in lower-level spaces

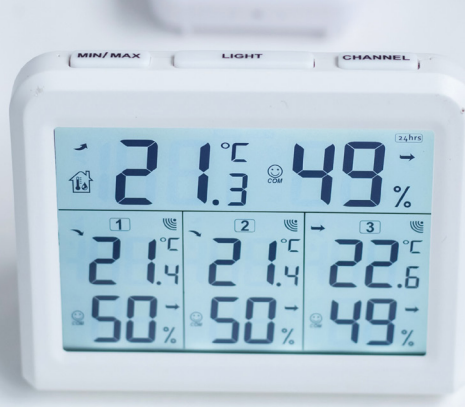


Concrete feels colder underfoot



Soft flooring is not always the safest choice

**30% - 50%**<sup>1</sup>  
Ideal indoor humidity



Dry all wet materials within **24-48** hours to help prevent mold<sup>2</sup>



## Watch For Moisture Warning Signs

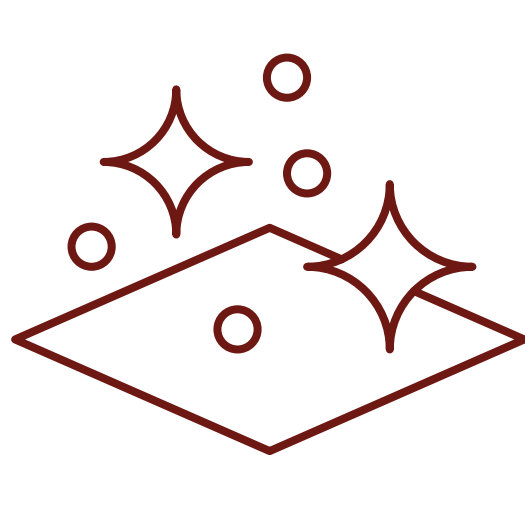
### Moisture-prone spots:

- Corners and wall edges
- Near windows and baseboards
- Utility areas and drains
- Cracks or low spots

### Red flags:

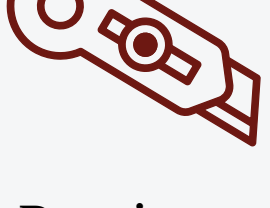
- Musty smell
- Peeling paint
- White residue
- Warping or mildew

## Compare the Best Basement Floor Types



Flooring	Softness	Water Resistance	Warmth	Best For
Carpet	High	Low	High	Cozy finished basements
Vinyl	Medium	High	Medium	Rec rooms, multi-use spaces
Laminate	Medium	Low	Medium	Dry finished basements
Rubber	Medium	High	Medium	Home gyms

## Know When to Repair or Replace



### Repair

- Small damaged area
- Loose edge or seam
- Single tile or plank issue



### Replace

- Water reached underneath
- Mold is present
- Damage keeps returning
- Multiple areas are warped

Repair services make sense for isolated damage.

*Repeated moisture problems usually call for a full flooring rethink.*



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