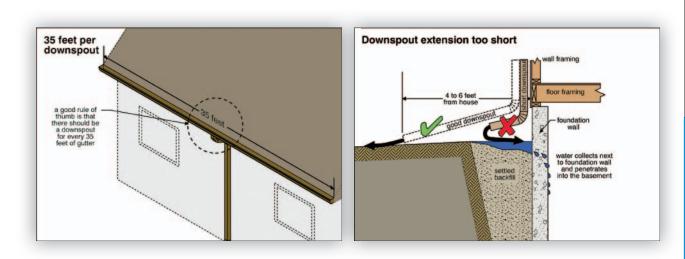
On older homes, (pre-1950) downspout drains are often connected to floor drains in the basement. If there is a significant amount of debris in the discharge from the downspouts, it can plug the basement floor drains and cause backup. A more complete discussion of wet basement problems is included in Section 10 of the Interior chapter.



ROOF Where gutters or downspouts discharge onto roof below, the lower roof in the path of the water will deteriorate quickly. The lower roof can be protected by extending the downspout along the lower roof to discharge directly into the lower roof gutter.

