

## Leaky basements can be repaired

It happens after every spring thaw or after a heavy rainfall—water seeps into the basement making it damp, messy and musty.

"Leaky cellars are a common problem for homeowners but in most cases they can be repaired quite easily," says Michael C. Hammar, a home improvement consultant and spokesman for the 1978 Do It Yourself Exhibition. "It's best to start with remedies you can handle yourself from the inside. If the seepage doesn't stop then, you may have to get into more complicated outdoor work."

To waterproof inside walls, you will need cement-based waterproofing materials, a garden hose or tank-type garden sprayer, water, a stiff scrubbing brush and a pail. If the walls are of concrete blocks, you may also need some epoxy or mortar and sand, a trowel, a chisel and hammer.

With concrete block walls, begin by checking the mortar joints, especially those closest to the floor, for cracks.

Using the chisel and hammer, enlarge any crack over 1/8-inch wide into a one inch deep wedge with the wide end at the rear to prevent patching material from falling out. Remove dust and concrete particles.

Dampen the crack opening and fill with a mixture of one-part mortar cement to three-parts fine sand, or with a two-part epoxy mix. Epoxy is more expensive than mortar but works better. After a half-hour, smooth out level with the surface.

Thoroughly spray both block and concrete walls with water. Mix the waterproofing material according to package directions and apply with a stiff brush. Rub well into the surface. Apply a second coat within 24 hours, again dampening the walls first.

These and other waterproofing methods will be demonstrated by Michael C. Hammar at the Do It Yourself Exhibition, to be held September 28 to October 1 in the Industry Building Coliseum at Exhibition Place.

The show will feature approximately 250 product displays, home improvement and wood working demonstrations, hobby and craft

exhibits, plant clinics, model DIY rooms showing before and after renovations, and a supervised play area for children.



To most people, lion spells "zoo". This lioness on the prowl is photographed at Metro Toronto Zoo where the lions are on exhibit year-round. They adapt very well to Canadian winters, and are as fascinated by cross-country Zoo-skiers as they are by summer picnickers.

Metro Toronto Zoo is open year round (except Dec. 24 & 25), and is a treat to visit in any season. The Zoo is located on Meadowvale Road just north of the 401 on Exit 61A (10 miles east of the Don Valley Parkway). If coming from the east, take the Sheppard exit (#63). Closing times are seasonal. Summer hours: 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (last admissions at 6:30 p.m.).

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