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Water infiltration: Building material's archenemy

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With many deluged communities still drying out from recent damaging floods, the region braced for another burst of heavy rainfall today that could push swollen rivers over their banks for the third time this month....

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Water infiltration is the archenemy of many building materials. Constant exposure can lead to erosion of masonry, sealants, and coatings causing deterioration or worse. Water can enter a building at floor levels, wall bases, and above windows, roofs, and pipes.

As there seems to be no let up to our incessant early spring rains, it is imperative that you perform an investigation to assess any damage to your building. The following checklists can provide some handy guidelines for your building inspection.

Remember the importance of building inspections and maintenance, especially in light of the recent rainy weather. Our climate demands it and so does your investment.

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