



TYPICAL TRIP HAZARD



EXCELLENT SOLUTION



EXCELLENT SOLUTION WITH STYLE

As we all know, downspouts with extensions are an integral part of directing run-off from the roof to the ground, and away from the foundation. Often, the installers of the downspouts and extensions do not give much consideration to where they install these components. Sometimes, these installations interfere with our day-to-day usage and mobility around the property. Sometimes, people will actually remove these extremely important downspouts and extensions to make it easier to get around. However, removal of these components is a bad idea, and can actually lead to wet basements. As you can see by the examples above, there are several clever ways to “redirect” these components and turn an obstruction into an integral part of the property. These same solutions can be applied to the back yard also, by redirecting the downspouts and extensions along the fence. This will eliminate having to lift up the extensions when mowing the grass, and stop people from accidentally stepping on, or tripping over these extensions.

This is a really simple solution to a common problem. Your local building supply store can usually color-match the metal downspouts and extensions to what is already installed on your house. A low cost for the materials, and only basic tools are required. The skills required to complete a job like this are low to medium. As always, it is recommended that a professional be hired if you do not have the skills or the proper tools required.