

DRAINAGE & SOIL CARE

TIPS & SOLUTIONS TO PROTECT YOUR FOUNDATION

Proper drainage and healthy soil are essential to keeping your foundation stable. Manage water and soil around your home to prevent movement, cracks, and costly repairs.



WATER IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST THREATS TO YOUR FOUNDATION

Excess water can saturate the soil, causing it to expand. When the soil dries, it shrinks. This constant cycle of expansion and contraction can lead to foundation movement and structural damage.



ESSENTIAL TIPS



KEEP GUTTERS CLEAN & FUNCTIONAL

Clean gutters regularly and ensure downspouts direct water at least 5–6 feet away from your foundation.



MAINTAIN PROPER GRADING

Soil should slope away from your foundation at least 6 inches over the first 10 feet.



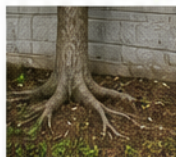
MANAGE WATER AROUND YOUR HOME

Avoid standing water and monitor areas where water tends to collect after rain.



BE MINDFUL OF TREES AND SHRUBS

Plant trees and large shrubs away from your foundation. Roots can draw moisture from the soil and cause movement.



ADJUST IRRIGATION

Don't overwater your lawn. Water in the early morning and avoid watering near the foundation.



SOLUTIONS THAT HELP



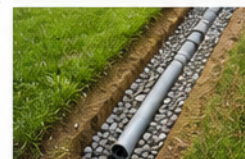
INSTALL DOWNSPOUT EXTENSIONS

Use downspout extensions or splash blocks to carry water far from the home.



FRENCH DRAINS

French drains help redirect excess water away from the foundation and prevent soil saturation.



SURFACE DRAINS

Channel surface water away from your home with catch basins or surface drains.



SOIL MOISTURE CONTROL

During dry periods, water the soil around your foundation moderately to prevent excessive shrinkage.



RETAINING WALLS

Use retaining walls to manage soil slopes and prevent erosion and water runoff.



BEST PRACTICES



Inspect your property seasonally and after heavy rain.



Look for early warning signs of foundation movement.



Act early to address drainage or soil issues before they worsen.



When in doubt, consult a foundation repair professional.



PROTECT YOUR HOME. PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT.

Proper drainage and soil care today can prevent foundation problems tomorrow.



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