



HOMEOWNER'S SELF-INSPECTION GUIDE

This is a tool designed to help you inspect your home for common signs of foundation problems and explain common causes of foundation problems. The only way to know if your problems are foundation related is to contact an experienced professional assess the problem.

INSPECTING YOUR HOME'S EXTERIOR...

Is the façade twisting or pulling away from the home?

Are bricks and mortar cracking?

Are the entry doors difficult to open and close properly?

Is it visually apparent that your home is subsiding?

INSPECTING YOUR HOME'S INTERIOR...

Do you see cracks on the walls that have lengthened or widened over time?

Are your baseboards or crown molding twisting or pulling away from the wall?

Is there separation between the wall and floor or wall and ceiling?

Does it feel like you're walking uphill/downhill in areas of your home?

CONSIDER THIS...

Soil shrinks when it dries and swells when it's wet. This soil movement is what causes cracking and subsidence. The shrink/swell cycle is a natural process that intensifies with severe weather conditions. Relentless rain, extreme heat, and drought are common causes of foundation problems.

CONSIDER THIS...

The soil under your interior foundation is isolated by the perimeter beam so weather is less likely to affect it. Plumbing leaks are a common causes of interior foundation problems. Water causes soil to swell and shift. This movement is what causes your home to shift and crack.

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