

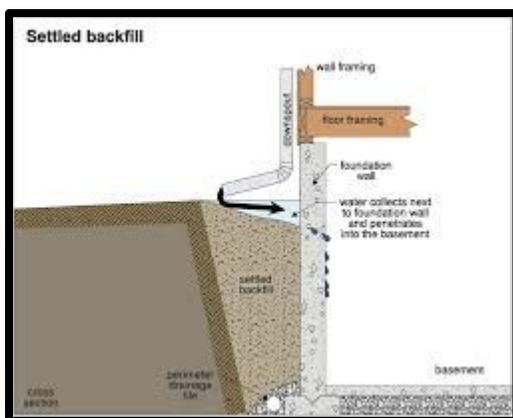
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Effects of Negative Grading



If you notice water pooling around your home's foundation after a rain, your property could be affected by negative grading. Negative grading is when the earth around a home slopes back towards the home versus flowing freely away from the home. Negative grading can be remedied by contacting a qualified professional to reverse the negative grade situation. Below are five common issues from negative grading.

- 1.) **Foundation Damage** Water pools against the foundation, creating hydrostatic pressure that causes cracks, bowing walls, and structural failure.
- 2.) **Water Infiltration & Mold.** Water seeps into basements and crawl spaces, leading to constant dampness, musty odors, and mold growth.
- 3.) **Structural Failures.** The settling of soil and excessive moisture can cause the home to settle unevenly, resulting in sagging floors, and misaligned windows and doors.
- 4.) **Pest Infestation.** Damp, soft soil attracts termites, ants, and rodents.
- 5.) **Lowered Property Value.** Visible signs of water damage and foundation issues can severely reduce a home's resale value.

From small inconveniences to structural damage, negative grading can have a huge impact on the value of your property if left untreated. Make a positive change by addressing your negative grade!

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