



5 TIPS TO BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION

1 PERFORM A SOIL EVALUATION

Whether your new house is on pier and beam or concrete slab the foundation is its most important component. Do not try to save money by skimping on foundation construction. A soil evaluation must be performed before a proper foundation system can be designed.

2 INCORPORATE PROPER GRADING

Be sure your builder incorporates proper grading, proper piling for your soil conditions, proper drainage, waterproofs the foundation, and installs a vapor barrier.

3 INSTALL PROPER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

Include gutters and downspouts in your home plan.

4 INSTALL VAPOR BARRIERS WHEN NEEDED

Be sure that pier and beam foundations have vapor barriers installed and are properly vented.

5 INSPECT YOUR FOUNDATION YEARLY

Conduct a yearly inspection of your foundation, driveway, and sidewalks. When drainage or other problems are detected correct them immediately. This is important especially during the first 6 – 10 years after the construction of a new house as it's during this time the home experiences the greatest settling.