

Concrete Maintenance for Homeowners

Keeping water out from under concrete will help prevent your concrete from sinking! The steps below will help keep your concrete where we put it, and keep your warranty in effect!

Backfill - It is *very* important to keep the proper grade of topsoil along the side of slabs of concrete. If you can see the side of the slab, add topsoil **all the way to the top of the slab**. Then, grade the topsoil so water runs away from slab.

If you have rock or mulch next to your concrete: Pull rock or mulch away from the side of a slab, then add topsoil **all the way to the top of the slab**, then put the rock or mulch back on top.

Caulk - Caulk should be applied anywhere where water can get in between slabs (seams, expansion/control joints and cracks). We recommend SL1 or Sika for gaps up to 1". NP1 is used for concrete that is sloped or cracks wider than 1".

Get advice about caulking at:

<http://www.homerepairtutor.com/concrete-expansion-joints/>

These materials can most easily be found at The Home Depot.

Drainage - Faulty drainage can be a major contributor to concrete sinking. Pitch all landscaping away from the concrete. Also, check all downspouts to make sure they are not spilling out on or near concrete. Add downspout extensions (tubes) to route water well away from concrete.

Thank you for your business!

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