

Inspection Checklist

# Pre-backfill



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## 1.0 General Information

Building or renovating a home involves several required inspections. These inspections help confirm the work is safe, meets building code requirements and is ready for the next stage.

While inspectors use detailed technical checklists, most outcomes come down to a few common issues. Understanding these can help you avoid delays and keep your project on track.

## 2.0 Inspection Outcomes

Every inspection result in an outcome that tells you whether your project can move forward or if additional work is required. Understanding these results can help you plan next steps and avoid delays.

### Passed

The work meets required standards and there are no outstanding documentation requirements. In some cases, minor items may remain, but they can be reviewed at a future inspection.

### Partially Passed

Some deficiencies were identified, but construction can continue. These items must be corrected before the next applicable inspection.

### Failed

Significant deficiencies were found, or the work was not ready for inspection. Corrections are required and must be verified through a re-inspection before work can proceed.

### Inaccessible

The inspector was unable to safely access the site. The inspection must be rescheduled once safe access is provided.

### Waived

The inspection was not required for the project or was already completed at an earlier stage.

### Cancelled

The inspection was cancelled, with details provided in the inspection report. A new inspection must be booked.

### 3.0 Pre-backfill Inspection Overview

A pre-backfill inspection may be requested once damp-proofing or waterproofing has been completed on the exterior foundation walls and the weeping tile and granular fill have been installed.

Any engineered design work must be inspected by a design professional licensed to practice in Saskatchewan and an Assurance of Field Review and Compliance letter must be provided.

**The contractor or owner is responsible for ensuring adequate lateral support is in place prior to backfilling.**

#### Common Areas Reviewed During Pre-backfill Inspection

The items listed below represent common areas reviewed during a pre-backfill inspection; however, all work must comply with applicable codes and standards.

- Temporary or permanent property number installed
- Location and layout match approved drawings
- Security fencing installed where required
- Foundation wall construction matches approved drawings
- Damp-proofing/waterproofing
- Weeping tile & granular fill

#### Items for a Failed Outcome:

- x Address has not been provided/not visible from street
- x Fencing has not been provided around excavation
- x Excavation in snow covered/inaccessible, unable to inspect
- x Building Location does not appear to be as per approved permit drawings
- x Foundation is not as per approved drawings
- x Foundation thickness is inadequate
- x Form ties have not been completely removed
- x Form tie holes have not been adequately filled
- x Exterior damp-proofing/waterproofing has not been installed
- x Exterior damp-proofing/waterproofing coverage is insufficient
- x Exterior damp-proofing/waterproofing has not properly adhered to the foundation
- x Weeping tile has not been installed

- x Weeping tile has been damaged
- x Weeping tile required for drainage from future window well
- x Weeping tile location is not acceptable
- x Weeping tile size is not acceptable
- x Granular cover has not been provided over weeping tile
- x Granular cover material over weeping tile is not acceptable
- x Minimum 150 mm of granular cover required over weeping tile
- x Deleterious material must be removed from the excavation
- x Any outstanding deficiency that was noticed at earlier stages and construction was permitted to move forward that has still not been addressed (unless that item can still be addressed at the next inspection stage)

#### Items for Passed Outcome:

- Pre-backfill inspections generally do not receive a passed outcome if deficiencies are identified. In some cases, certain items located within the building footprint may need to be reviewed at the framing inspection. When this occurs, a note will be included in the inspection report to ensure the item is checked at the next inspection stage.



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