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Proper grading is critical in preventing water from getting into your home. Grading starts at your exterior foundation and moves water away from your home towards the street. Dirt or sod should slope down from the wall at a continuous angle for at least 1.5 to 2 meters.

## Tips for Maintaining your Grading:

- Check your grading annually and correct as necessary to ensure proper slope. The ground settles over time, particularly near your foundation wall.
- Check under the stairs, steps, and decks for voids. Backfill as necessary.
- Check for cracks or spaces on the driveway, sidewalk, and patio that are next to the foundation wall. Caulk or waterproof as necessary.
- Contact City of Edmonton Lot Grading for any grading concerns you may have with neighbouring properties by calling 311.
- Inside your house, check for moisture around the foundation walls and the floor. Fill and seal any visible cracks.

**Note:** Good eaves troughs, downspouts, and extensions help improve your outdoor drainage.

