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**PROTECT**  
your new construction  
home with pro tips

**NEW** CONSTRUCTION



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**A BETTER  
BUILD**  
MAKES A BETTER HOME

Throughout our career, we have inspected hundreds of new homes. In that process, we have developed a list of items to consider when building a new home. We want to make you aware so you can choose what works best for your build.

## A/C UNIT

Install a foundation mounted bracket for your AC compressor, and your unit will never settle or shift.



## LAWN IRRIGATION

Before you build, decide if you want to include irrigation for your lawn. Installing this before your lawn will save you money, mess and hassle.

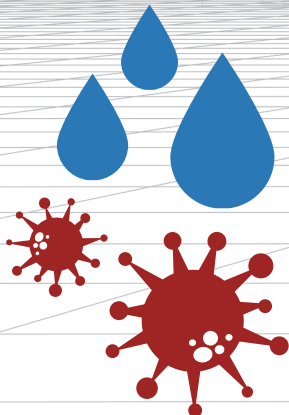
## FOUNDATION INSULATION

Consider using spray foam on your foundation. A well-insulated foundation will stay warmer, and eliminate potential condensation issues at the same time.

## CURE YOUR FOUNDATION

Wait for your foundation to cure before finishing your lower level. It's tempting to get right in there and finish your basement, but we recommend waiting to ensure the cement in your foundation is completely dry.

You will have applied sealant to the exterior of your foundation walls, but the cement itself needs to dry out too. If you finish the area too early, mold can form from trapped moisture between your interior wall and the foundation.



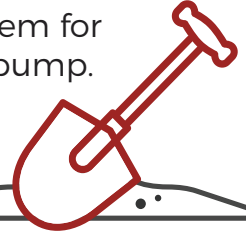
# HEATING

Basements stay at a colder temperature than any other area in your home. To accommodate this, install a supplemental heat source or heating system with multiple zones for different areas and enjoy comfortable temperatures from top to bottom.



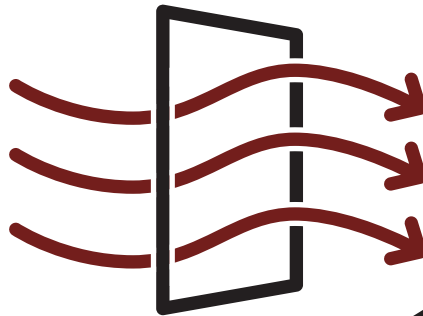
# SUMP HOSE

Like lawn irrigation, it will be more cost effective to bury your sump hose underground before you complete your landscaping. Discharge this water as far away from your house as possible. Also be sure to install a backup system for your sump pump.



# RADON

Install a radon mitigation system. This is far more cost effective to do while you are building your home compared to doing it after everything is completed.



# VENTILATION

Install a ventilation system. Providing a consistent, efficient fresh air source will help you control the humidity in your home, prevent condensation and mold growth and improve your home's overall air quality.

# LANDSCAPING

Don't install your landscaping too early. Even though your new home appears to have good grade when you first move in, consider all the digging that has been happening around your home's foundation. The ground around your home will settle, and this

takes time. If you install your landscaping before this settles, you will need to pull it all away (move those rocks, shovel the mulch) before you can add more soil. Proper grade is important to keeping your basement dry.



# BUILDING SEASON



Think twice before building in the winter. Winters here can be harsh, and the sub-zero temperatures affect many of the materials used in construction. These weather conditions can also take their toll on the people working on your home as well.



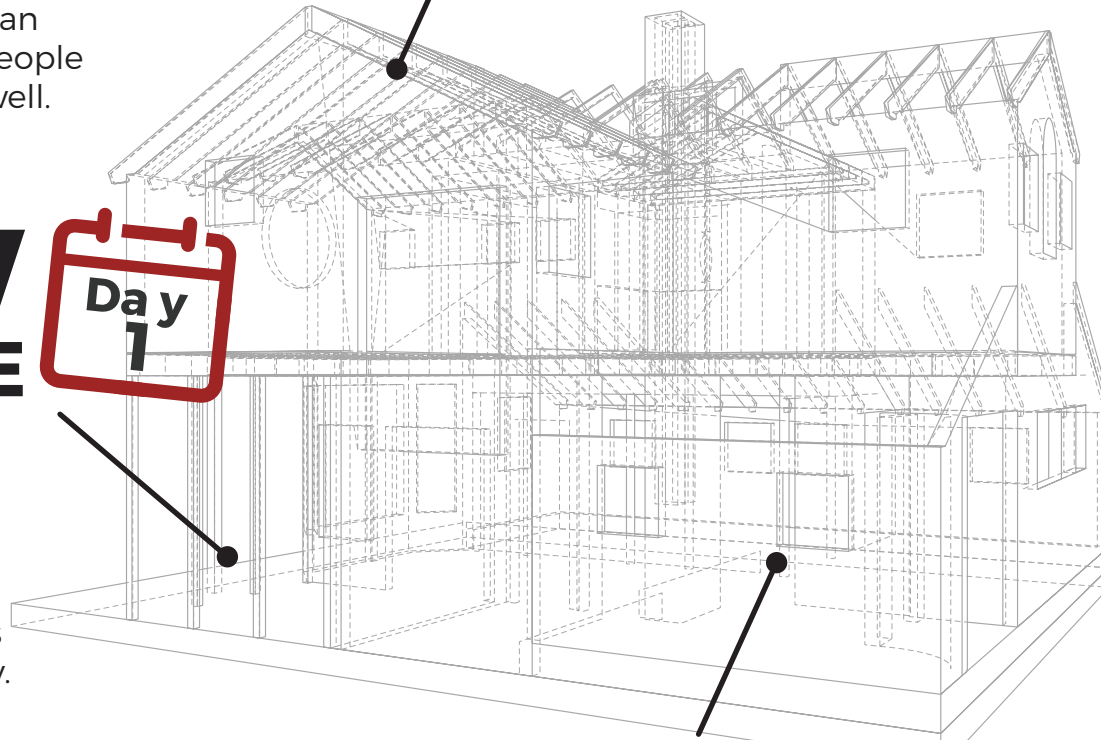
# HIRE A REALTOR®

A Realtor will help you get through the process, making sure everything will be done right and on time.

# SHOW YOUR FACE



Be part of the build from day 1. Check on the progress at your build site. Ask questions, be present and let the team know you're engaged with what's happening at your property.



# HAVE YOUR NEW HOME INSPECTED

We commonly find issues on new construction homes. A professional inspector will help you understand

changes that need to be done and repairs that have to be made to keep your new home in prime condition.



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