

## **STANDING WATER EQUALS SOGGY GROUND. WHERE DOES THAT WATER GO? AND HOW TO DRAIN IT BEFORE IT GOES THERE**

Many homeowners regularly experience unwanted water, mud or soggy soil on their property.

**Wet, soggy ground** Moisture-soaked ground is very common. It is usually pretty easy to spot, and very easy to feel. This symptom is usually the result of undesirable grading. Because gravity pulls water in a downward motion, it does not run uphill, and therefore collects where it cannot flow away from the property. Lawn mowers often partially sink into wet, soggy ground and leave tracks. Children and pets playing in wet, soggy areas often track dirt and mud back into the house. And fungus, mold and mildew grows in wet ground.

**Puddles or standing water** Water should drain from all locations in your yard. **If a puddle remains longer than 30 minutes after a rainstorm ends, you probably have a drainage issue.** Puddles remaining in the yard for long periods of time make good breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

**Water flowing under the house** In some cases, a drainage problem results in water from the yard actually flowing into the home. The problem usually appears as either wet carpet or flooring around a door, or around the outer wall of the home. Mold, fungus and mildew can cause a host of problems including respiratory and allergenic problems and thrive in damp areas. The infrastructure of the house can be greatly affected by moist conditions underneath. Wood rot, termites, mold and fallen insulation love under-house humidity and dampness and can cause a host of nightmares that can otherwise be prevented.