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Checklist of Leak Sources on Walls

When looking for leaks look very carefully for even the smallest hole or crack and look at the undersides of things even if means you have to get down on your knees.

In general check everyplace on a wall where there is any kind of penetration.

Water faucets: Are there gaps between the water faucets and the house?

Gas lines: Are there gaps around gas pipes where they enter the house?

AC: Are there gaps around air conditioning pipes (white and foam covered) where they enter the house?

Electrical outlet boxes, junction boxes, circuit breaker boxes, disconnect switches, electric meters, etc.: Are there gaps of any sort between these devices and the house?

Light fixtures: Are there gaps between light fixtures and the face of the house?

Dryer vents, gas water heater vents, range hood vents: Are there gaps between these devices and the house?

Are there cracks or voids in mortar under window sills?

Is the finished floor of the house high (at least 6 inches) above soil and mulch?

Are there parts of sides of the house where water has gotten into the house after heavy rains or where there has been standing water next to the house?

Are there penetrations of the house within 6" of the ground??

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