

Moisture Control and Prevention Guide:

Gutter Management



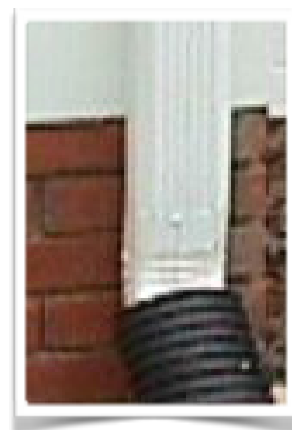
Gutter Management Systems

A gutter system helps protect against excessive moisture, but only if it is properly designed and maintained.

- Overhangs should be at least 18 inches wide. Drip edge flashing should be installed at the roof edge.
- Gutters should be cleaned, inspected, and repaired regularly.
- Downspout to drainpipe systems are preferred for removing rain water from the gutters. Make certain they are clear of debris. Splash blocks are not recommended as they release water too close to the home.
- Clay tile or flexible pipe should be used to conduct gutter water underground to a suitable release outlet at least 10 feet downhill and away from the house.
- Suitable release sites from downspout to drainage systems are storm water drains, dry wells, or surface outlets.



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