

Moisture Control and Prevention Guide:

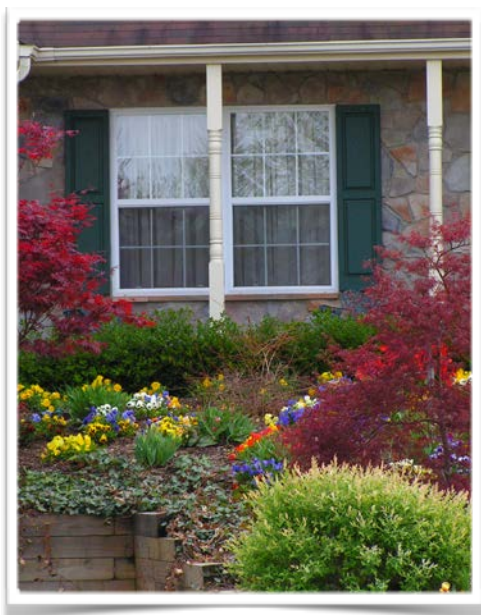
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Landscaping can add beauty and value to your home as long as you plan ahead to avoid potential moisture problems.

- The ground around the home should slope away from the foundation of the home. It should fall a minimum of 6 inches within the first 10 feet.
- Landscape plants should not block free air flow through the crawlspace vents.
- Plants should be placed beyond the drip edge of the roof, and foliage should be at least 5 feet from the foundation.
- Finished planting beds and mulches should be lower than the ground level in the crawlspace and should slope away from the house.
- Keep any organic mulch or ground cover at least 12 inches away from the foundation.
- Avoid excessive watering. If possible, use a moisture sensor to determine if watering is needed. If a sprinkler or irrigation system is used, make certain that it does not release water onto the home or near the foundation of the home.



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