

## Be Prepared for Natural Weather Events

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- **01. Protect Your Foundation From Water Damage.** Ensure that there are no cracks in your foundation. Any cracks should be repaired as soon as possible. Consider crawl space waterproofing.
- **02. Foundation Damage from Dry Spells.** Your irrigation system needs to fill in the moisture gaps, providing just the right amount of water to prevent foundation heave and settlement.
- **03. Landscape, Trees, and Shrubs.** Make sure your plantings are not too close to your foundation. Avoid damage from tree roots drying out the soil and expanding under your foundation.
- **04. Drainage, Gutters, and Downspouts.** Ensure that your landscape grading and slope help move the water away from the foundation and that your gutters and downspouts are free of obstructions that impede the flow of water and lead to flooding from the roof.
- **05. Insulate Your Crawl Space.** Install insulation to keep the temperature consistent in your crawl space, helping with energy costs and preventing temperature-related expansion and contraction of your foundation, along with any subsequent cracking.
- **06. Call in the Foundation Experts.** Sign up for a free inspection of your home's foundation to ensure you're doing all you can to prevent damage due to weather events.