

## Weeping Tile vs French Drain

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### Which drainage system does your home need?

**1 Wet basement or damp walls: think weeping tile**

Foundation drainage at the footing, usually with a sump pump.

**2 Puddles or soggy yard: think French drain**

Shallow surface drainage to a lower point in the yard.

**3 Weeping tile sits at the footing**

Deep against the foundation, drains groundwater.

**4 French drain sits near the surface**

Shallow trench, drains surface runoff.

**5 Weeping tile usually needs a sump pump**

French drains often drain by gravity.

**6 Check where water actually comes from first**

The costliest mistake is installing the wrong system.

**7 Older clay weeping tile often fails**

Silt and roots clog it over decades in older Toronto homes.