

Clogged Weeping Tile Symptom Checklist

A room-by-room way to catch early signs before they spread

Inside the house

1 Note where and how often you see moisture

Write down the wall, the corner, and whether it lines up with rain. A pattern over several weeks is far more useful than a single observation.

2 Watch the cove joint where floor meets wall

This is often the first place a struggling system shows itself, sometimes as nothing more than a faint white crust.

3 Listen to the sump pump over a few storms

A pump that runs far more, or far less, than it used to for the same amount of rain is worth tracking.

4 Check for a musty smell that returns after rain

A smell that fades between storms and comes back afterward points toward trapped moisture rather than a one-time event.

Outside the house

1 Walk the grade around the foundation after rain

Look for soft, spongy soil or standing water close to the wall instead of water moving away from it.

2 Check the sump discharge line outside

Make sure it is clear and pointed well away from the foundation, especially before temperatures drop.

3 Ask when the weeping tile was last serviced

If you do not know the age or history of the system, that is worth finding out before assuming it is fine.

Before you call a contractor

1 Bring your notes, not just the symptom

A written record of location, frequency and timing helps a technician narrow down the cause faster.

2 Ask what the inspection will actually check

A useful assessment looks at the sump pit, the grading, and the drainage layer together, not just the spot you are worried about.

3 Ask about your insurance policy separately

Coverage questions belong with your insurer, not with the contractor quoting the repair.

Track the pattern, check inside and out, then bring both to the inspection.

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