



Egress Window Well Installation Instructions

- 1.) Position the well with the window in the center and at the top of the window. The distance between the edge of the window to the inside edge of the well should be the same on both sides. The height should be approximately 3"-4" above the expected final grade.
- 2.) If a grate will be used, check fit before and during the installation process to insure a proper fit.
- 3.) With the grate on the well, attached one of the top holes to the foundation using an appropriate concrete anchor/screw. A washer is recommended. Level the well and attach the other side. Remove the grate and put it to the side. FYI, try to avoid metal to metal contact as this can lead to premature corrosion.
- 4.) Continue to attached the well to the foundation as necessary for a secure fit against the wall.
- 5.) Fill the space below the well (4"-6" minimum depth) with pea gravel for drainage. If the soil is dense, such as clay, consider using a drain at the bottom of the well and tying it into an existing system. Or install a new drain to move the water away from the foundation of the house.
- 6.) Before backfilling around the window well, support the inside with a knee brace or cross bucking. All bracing should be left in place until the construction activity is completed.
- 7.) The backfill area should be clean and at least 12" wide.
- 8.) Carefully backfill the area around the window well with dirt. This procedure should be done by hand as to not compact the material. Within 6" of the final grade, fill the remaining area with topsoil that is sloped away from the wall in all directions.
- 9.) An escape ladder should be positioned on the center front of the well by hanging it over the edge and attaching it with sheet metal screws in the holes at the bottom of the ladder.
- 10.) Re-install the grate.