



Standard Area Wall Installation Guide

- 1) Size up the excavation
 - a. The top of the area wall should be 4-6" above grade
 - b. The hole should be at least 4" deeper than the bottom of the window/vent/etc.
 - c. The hole should be approximately 6" larger than the area wall
- 2) Fill the hole with approximately 4" of pea gravel or drain rock to promote drainage. If flooding is a possibility, connection to an external drainage system may be required.
- 3) Position the area wall against the foundation and mark the location of the holes. Be sure to center the area wall with the window/vent and level it with the house.
- 4) Drill holes in position for the anchor bolts. Then secure the area wall using anchor bolts/screws/etc. and optional flat washers.
- 5) Add gravel to the area wall to bring the level up to approximately 2" below the bottom of the window/vent/etc. Then backfill* the area between the area wall and the hole.

*The backfill should be added gradually by hand, and not be compacted to insure there is no damage done to the area wall. Also, be sure to slope away from the area wall and foundation.

Note: These installation guidelines are for use with standard applications. It is always recommended to seek advice from a licensed professional. Also, check with your local building inspector or building permit office for approvals and possible variations that may apply.