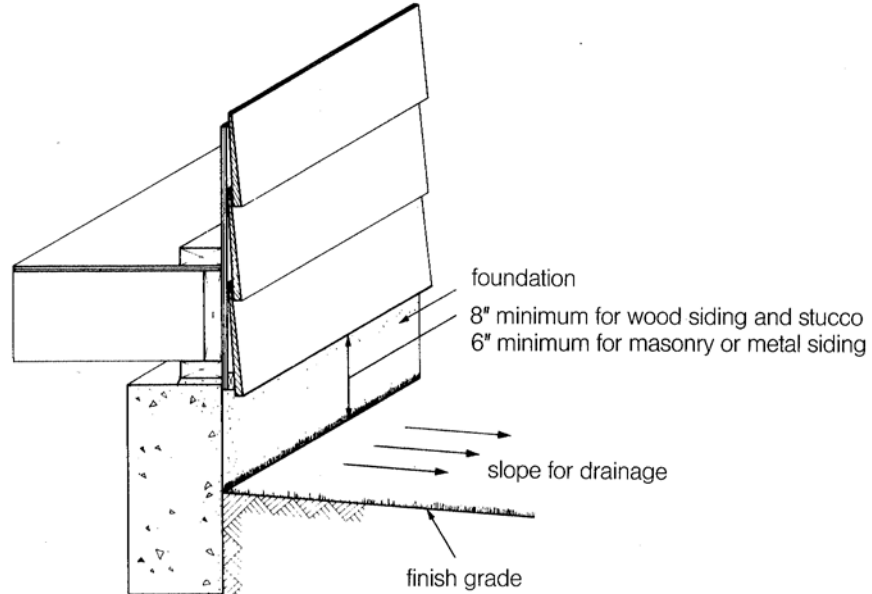




Tip Of The WEEK

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Exterior Grade & Siding Clearance



A proper grade and ground clearance is very important. Wood/Ground contact should be avoided, as it promotes rot and provides an ideal environment for wood boring insects. Siding should be at least eight inches above the soil. Moisture or insect damage is very hard to find or evaluate behind the exterior siding.

A home inspector can only present the potential for a problem when exterior sidings come in contact with the ground.

A proper grade is also an important consideration when dealing with wet basements. The theory is simple. If there is less water in the soil on the outside of the foundation wall, there is less chance of wet basement conditions.



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