

# **HELICAL TIE-BACK WALL SYSTEM**



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# About Earth Contact Products

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### The **Causes** of your Home's Bowing or Leaning Walls

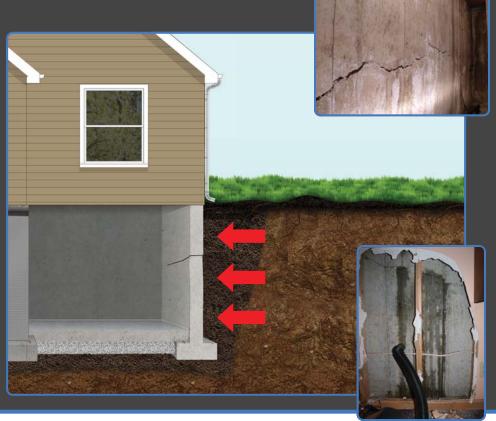
The most common cause of a bowing or leaning foundation wall is excessive lateral pressure on the exterior. When the pressure becomes too much for the wall to handle it starts to bow, crack or even break.

The common causes of wall failure come from the following:

• Expansive clay soils expand and contract as the moisture in the ground increases and decreases.

• Hydrostatic Pressure which is an accumulation of water in the soil surrounding the foundation wall that is exerting pressure against the wall.

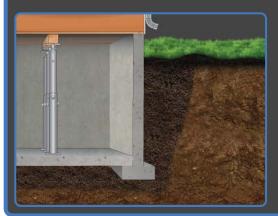
• Frost can also lead to wall failure as the soil against the wall freezes and applies pressure



## Other **Options** (alternative repair methods)

#### Tear Out and Replacement

Very expensive process Doesn't address the real problem (the soil) Long and very disruptive process



#### **Steel I-Beams**

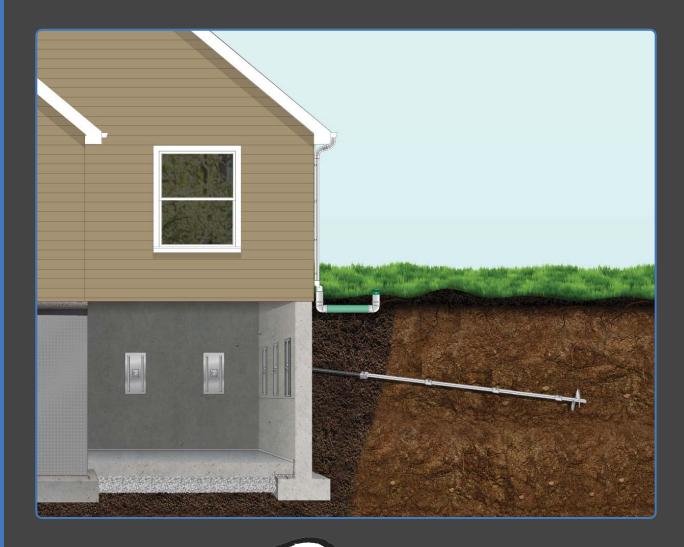
Can't improve or straighten the wall Only supports the wall at the worst point Relies on wood floor joists for support



#### **Carbon Fiber Reinforcement**

Can't improve or straighten the wall Doesn't protect against wall tipping in at the top Doesn't protect against wall sliding in at bottom





The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's chief appraiser said in a report "There are three common ways to save bowing foundation walls. Contractors install wall anchors on approximate 6' centers. These stop further movement and with proper tension will eliminate some, if not all, of the bowing over time. Another acceptable but more expensive method, is to replace the affected walls. The third is to use passive resistance such as grout filled channel steel or pilasters which may stop further movement. This is the least effective."

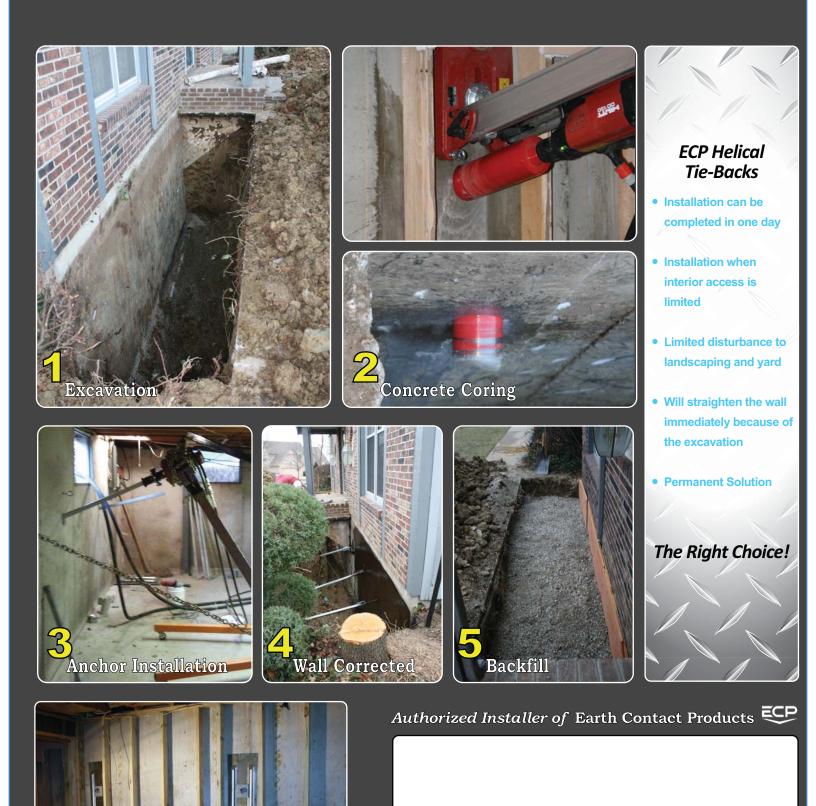


U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development From: Allen R. Dose: Chief Appraiser Subject: Property Acceptance Criteria



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### The preferred **Process** to fix your Home's Bowing or Leaning Walls



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