

Pill bug moisture checklist

Work from the outside in. Tick each one when it's done.

THIS WEEKEND

- ☐ **Pull it back.** Rake leaves, mulch and rotting wood away from the foundation.
- ☐ **Lift what sits on the dirt.** Stones, flowerpots and boards next to the house.
- ☐ **Rake up the clippings.** Clear grass clippings off the soil by the foundation.
- ☐ **Water less by the house.** Go easy on the beds next to the foundation.

BEFORE THE FIRST SNOW

- ☐ **Fix a broken downspout.** Make sure the water drains away from the house.
- ☐ **Stop the drips.** Fix leaky faucets outside, and check the AC drip.
- ☐ **Check low doors and basement windows.** You or a contractor can close any gaps.
- ☐ **Walk the foundation after a hard rain.** Look for water pooling by the house.

INSIDE, ANY TIME

- ☐ **Sweep or vacuum them up.** UKY says a spray inside usually does little.
- ☐ **Check back in a few days.** Live ones? Hunt for a damp spot or a gap.
- ☐ **Dry the damp spot.** Fix seepage and get air moving where they gather.

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