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Inspection Picture of the Month:

Settlement, settlement, everywhere... With the strange winter weather we have had this last couple of months, signs of settlement and heaving are evident everywhere. While potholes are all over the news, it is time to take a close look at driveway and walkway damages.



This home showed signs of extensive settlement of the front walk.

The front step had dropped dramatically, pulling away from the porch and showing extensive cracking. The most likely cause of this type of issue is poor compacting and fill of the soil below the walkway, prior to pouring of the concrete. After a few winter's, extensive soil settlement can occur.



While some cracking is to be expected in our climate, this amount of settlement and cracking of the concrete is excessive. While mud-jacking may be possible, it is likely a full replacement of this walk will be needed.