

# Concrete Repairs and Renovations

**Concrete;** *The foundation of your home* - Literally! Concrete renovations and repairs are in most cases necessary. **Foundations** crack and require **waterproofing** to avoid leaking **basements, concrete paths and driveways** need to be resurfaced after time, and other concrete floors and walls may require repairs as well. Other nonessential concrete renovations include concrete decks and porches, swimming pools and basement additions where foundations are extended. Although most people don't think so, concrete work can be very complicated and requires the skill of an experienced concrete professional.

Some concrete repairs such as **resurfacing and the filling of cracks** can be handled by the homeowner who is confident enough to handle the work independently of a concrete professional. Larger projects might be impossible to do on your own if special concrete equipment such as a truck or a mixer are required.

Concrete work is very labor intensive. When waterproofing, the entire ground area surrounding the foundation must be dug up in order to seal the concrete foundation. When pouring and laying concrete the heavy and tough to move material must be set and smoothed part by part and leveled accurately. Time and effort goes into ensuring the finished look and quality by removing bubbles in the concrete and other harming factors such as debris.

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- Concrete resurfacing
- Repairing cracks in concrete
- Concrete porches and decks
- Waterproofing
- Laying concrete foundations
- Concrete floors and walls
- Swimming pools
- Building retaining wall concrete

## Concrete Costs

The cost of any **concrete renovation or repair** depends mostly on labor and the size of the project. Repairing minor cracks in the foundation might range from \$500 - \$1000 where as larger projects such as waterproofing might be upwards of \$6000 depending on the dimensions of the home's foundation. Stamped concrete costs around \$10 per square foot and labor costs need to be considered on top of that when estimating the cost of your concrete renovation or repair. Getting more than one quote from various contractors who specialize in concrete is the best way to determine costs.