

A BRAND NEW SHOWER?

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(Below left) Tile has been removed and exposed the water damage and contamination of mold and mildew on the greenrock. Note: Greenrock in most instances is no longer used in wet areas, and never should be.

These homeowners, even with the damage they incurred, were extremely lucky because they not only noticed the problem early, but also immediately took action to investigate and repair. Imagine the damage and mold contamination if this was left undiscovered, and continued to leak for months or years.



(Above) Further removal of the greenrock exposes the deterioration of the wood framing members. This damage is caused from getting wet and drying out repeatedly.

.....far from it! This shower area is approximately six years old, and as evidenced by the picture has been well taken care of, and certainly qualifies as “good housekeeping.”

This homeowner was, as any other day, in the closet preparing to leave for work, and noticed moisture on the carpet. Unsure whether this moisture was a result of a leak in the wall, the roof, or a failed shower pan, decided to immediately call and have the pan tested. Interestingly, the shower pan passed the test, however, upon further examination we noticed discoloration of the wall, and eventually the leakage.



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(Above) Additional close up damage mold can cause when moisture wicks behind the shower walls.

(Below right and left) New wood had to be installed along the pony wall. A light mist of Clorox and water was applied to the entire area to inhibit new mold growth and kill all residual mold.

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(Above) New FHA drain assembly recessed into the slab.



(Above) Close up of the strainer base.

(Below) New FHA drain assembly and 40 ml pan liner installed. The pan runs up the wall approximately six (6) inches all the way around the perimeter to insure a water tight pan, and Hardi Backer Board is installed around the inside shower base. The "quick curb" or curb dam is installed and filled solid with mortar. No wood should be used as the wood would swell and buckle with moisture penetration.

(Below) Ceramic tile is being installed to the ceiling to help reduce sheetrock areas from being exposed to moisture. The tile is 2 x 2 sheet mosaics with 2 inch granite inserts cut and randomly placed.



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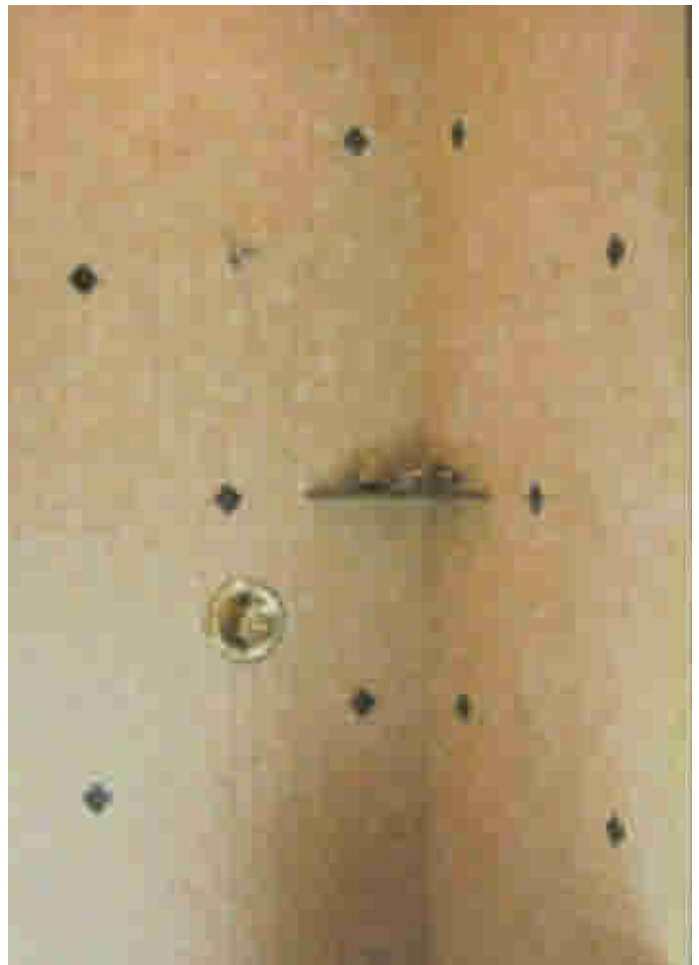
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(Above) Granite shampoo ledge being installed, as well as grout being applied to the near finished product.

(Below) Completed project.

(Below) Showing the pony wall that separates the shower from the tub and where the new glass shower wall will be installed.

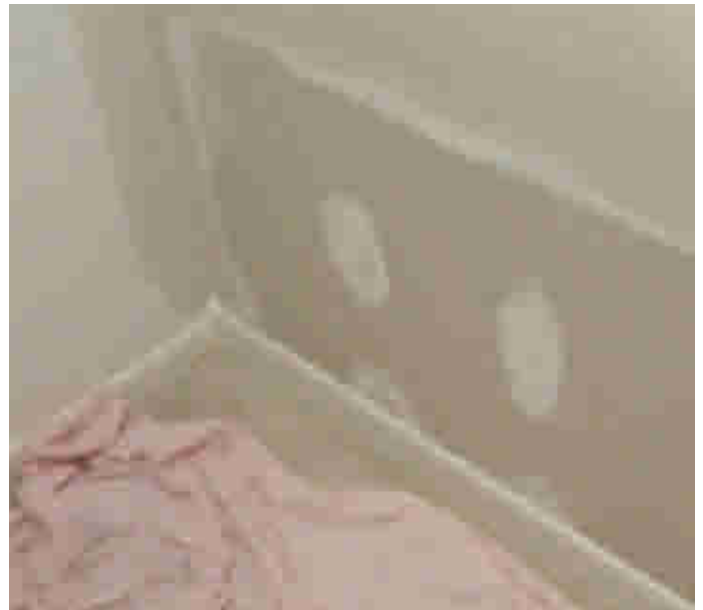


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(Above) Completed shower floor set on a diagonal with plenty of slope to draw the water to the center.



(Above) Reverse side of the wall where the shower is located, repaired with new sheetrock, taped and floated with a new base ready for paint.

Many times when dealing with shower pan leaks, especially ones that have continued for long periods of time, have termite infestations as well. Termites in conjunction with moist wood, together cause incredible amounts of damage. In this particular scenario, termites were not present.

Again, let me mention that this problem was not over a very long time, was detected and repaired in a very timely manner, yet the costs to the homeowner exceeded three thousand dollars, and required approximately forty working hours to complete.