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### OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Retaining Walls
- Drainage Systems
- Excavating
- Paving Stones
- Decorative Concrete
- Landscape Design & Installation

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## Don't Ignore That Damp Spot or Puddle

### *Let Isbir's Drainage Experts Help Save Your House*

It is easy to believe the puddle of water sitting your backyard or the dampness in your basement is a one-time occurrence, but it is more likely that you need a drainage system.

Here are a few things to ask yourself when trying to diagnose dampness:

Do you have general year-round dampness? For general dampness year-round, a humidifier may be all you need.

Do you have dampness after rain or wet spots? Installing a drainage system may be needed if your basement is damp after rain or has wet spots. Drains will collect water before it enters your basement and then a pump will direct it away from your house. Keep in mind a complex drainage may be the answer, but there also could be another solution – let Isbir give you a professional second opinion!

Do your basement walls leak? If you notice your basement has water that comes through the walls, you may have a crack or leak in your concrete or masonry. This can be fixed with wall patching or a type of drain that collects and drives water away from that wall.

If you notice dampness in your basement or yard, it could be a number of things and Isbir is happy to diagnose the problem for you. If you do need a drainage system installed, there can be a significant amount of digging involved. With Isbir, a finished job means covered drains or new landscaping, depending on your budget and timeline.

**For a LIMITED TIME, Isbir is offering FREE lawn restoration and seeding with any drainage system installation! See the offer on Page 4!**



*The slope of this backyard caused water to sit for weeks, which can lead to problems for the foundation.*

## Concrete Or Pavers? Know Your Stones

While updating your yard, you may be wondering about your options, including stamped concrete and stone pavers. To help you make the decision, here are some things to consider.

Both stamped concrete and stone pavers come in a variety of colors and textures, so you should easily be able to find options that fit into your landscape design.



*Stamped concrete above. Stone pavers below.*



When dealing with a concrete walk, keep in mind that it can sometimes be slippery. In areas with a lot of rain or in families with little children, this may be something to take into consideration.

The good thing about concrete is that it comes in large slabs, whereas pavers are individual and it is easier for them to come loose and uneven, which can be a hazard for people walking on it.

Another thing to consider is your timeline – pavers can be used immediately while concrete can take a few days to cure after installation.

As far as maintenance goes, concrete will crack over time and can be costly to repair. Pavers on the other hand can easily be replaced individually and are typically uniform from the manufacturer so it can be easy to match your replacement pavers. The downside of pavers is that they can separate, causing spaces between them that need to be filled over time.

Weighing these pros and cons, stamped concrete tends to be initially less expensive than pavers but can have pricier maintenance in the long run.

If you are still unsure about what material would be best for your walk or yard, ask Isbir! Our experts can recommend the right product for your space, time, and budget.

# Project Spotlight: French Drain



In this project spotlight, Isbir focused on the side of the home where the drainage problems were occurring.

New drain pipe was laid down to divert water away from the foundation of the house.

Crushed stone was filed in around the drain pipe and decorative river rock was added to cover the limestone.

If you are wondering if you need a drainage system, give Isbir a call!



## *What Others Are Saying About Isbir*

*“Mike Isbir was extremely responsive and timely. He efficiently estimated the project & listened to my problems & requests. Always polite and on time. His team always cleaned up at the end of the day. I honestly have no complaints. He even suggested a fix for another issue we had that was something we could do our selves.”*

*- Online Review*

*“He put in a concrete driveway. He took all the vegetation out of our yard and replanted a new yard. Lastly, he did an inspection for drainage and helped with the excavation of our sewer line. He was very professional. We had a good experience with him. He was responsive and has all of his professional licensing and certifications.”*

*- Online Review*



For more Isbir Project Spotlights, visit us on Facebook!

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## Did You Know? Rainy Day Facts...

Rain can fall up to 22 miles per hour.

Rain isn't a teardrop shape, it's actually ovular.

One droplet of rain stays in Earth's atmosphere for about 10 days.

Antarctica is the driest continent on Earth.

One inch of rain equals 10 inches of snow in water content.

The place with the most number of rainy days per year is Mount Wai'ale'ale on Kauai, Hawaii – up to 350 days.

The longest time that a place remained without rain was Arica, Chile – from October 1903 to January, 1918 – 14 years.

In the tropical rainforest it gets about 80 to 400 inches of rain yearly. If it is raining really hard, it gets about 2 inches of rain per hour.

Sources: [www.explainers.nysci.org](http://www.explainers.nysci.org), [Littleknownfacts.com](http://Littleknownfacts.com), [www.funology.com](http://www.funology.com)

