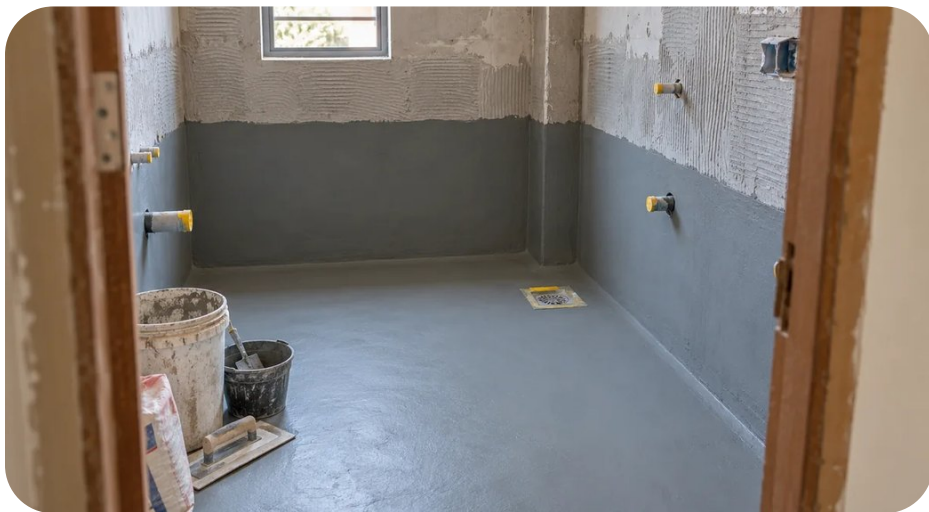


THE BATHROOM WATERPROOFING SITE-CHECK GUIDE

Check the work. Before tiles hide it.

A phone-friendly record for the base, corners, pipes, drain and water check.



AI illustration. The useful checking stage comes before the finished surface.

REPAIR / DETAIL / CURE / TEST

Two worked examples, a water-check record and a simple handover sheet for your bathroom.

8 pages. Free to read, save and share.

Tiles are the finish. Not the water barrier.

Ask how every layer works together before the floor is covered.

1. THE BASE

Is the slab or plaster firm, clean and repaired? A waterproof layer cannot make loose material sound.

2. THE WATERPROOF SYSTEM

Record the product, base, layers and matching corner or pipe details. Use its current instructions.

3. THE FINISHED FLOOR

Plan the tile, adhesive, drain and slope together. Water still needs a clear path to the drain.

Do not pass the work only because the coating has an even colour. Check the details, cure and agreed test.

Repair first.

Then waterproof.

Example A: an older bathroom has a damp patch below it.

Trace more than the wet mark

Ask the right team to check supply pipes, drain joints and the opened base. Water may travel before it appears.

DO NOT SEAL IN A KNOWN PROBLEM

Repair loose plaster, cracks and failed connections before a new waterproof layer. Record what opened up and what changed.

Ask for one written plan

Who checks the pipes? Who prepares the base? Which system goes on it? When is each layer ready?

Keep the building informed

For a society flat or shared shaft, check access and work rules before altering a common line.

Illustrative example only. A photo or wet mark cannot diagnose your bathroom.

Corners. Pipes.

The drain edge.

These details need a deliberate part of the chosen system.



AI illustration. Reinforcement shown at a wall-floor joint and pipe entries.

Ask what goes at each joint

The team may use compatible tape, fabric, collars or sealant. Keep each detail inside the chosen system.

Check before it disappears

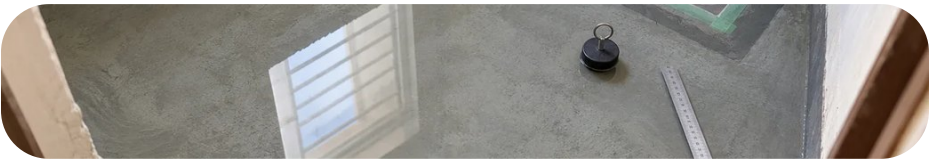
Look at corners, the wall-floor line, drain edge and each pipe entry. Photograph them before another layer hides them.

Sika wet-room documents call out corners, floor-to-wall joints, drains and pipe entries. Source links are on page 8.

04 / CURE AND WATER CHECK

Write the time. Mark the level.

Start only when the selected product is ready for ponding.



AI illustration. Use an agreed method and record the start and end.

CURE FIRST, THEN AGREE THE CHECK

Record when the final layer finished. One Sika cement-based example says no ponding before seven days; this is not a rule for every system. Write how the drain closes, where the level is marked, how long water stays and which nearby or lower areas are checked.

STOP IF SOMETHING CHANGES. A falling level or new damp needs investigation before tiling. Do not hide the result.

Same question. Different checks.

Use the site condition, not the building name, to decide the work.

NEW-FLAT EXAMPLE

The base is newly made and pipes are still visible. Record the exact waterproof system, check every service entry, allow full cure and keep the test result before tiling.

OLDER-HOME EXAMPLE

A leak has been patched before. Open and repair the cause first. Old loose plaster, altered pipes or a drain joint may need work before the new system starts.

For both homes

Release the water after the check. Ask the team to show the floor fall, drain cover and finished threshold plan.

These are planning examples, not reports of Gandhinagar projects or promises that one method fits every site.

Keep the proof. Make handover easier.

Fill this before the team starts tiling.

Leak / pipe / base repairs completed and checked by:

Waterproof product, batch and final-layer date:

Corners / pipe entries / drain detail photographed:

Water check: start, finish, marked level and result:

Drain fall / threshold / finished floor checked by:

HANDOVER FILE

Keep the product sheet, pack photo, hidden-work photos and test notes. Ask how the waterproof layer will be protected while tiles are installed.

KEEP / SAVE / SHARE

A useful record. Easy to pass on.

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Open the article. Copy its link, then paste it into your message. Nothing is sent automatically.

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Not site approval. Follow the selected product instructions. AI photos, not completed work.