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GROUND HYDRATION AND YOUR FENCE WARRANTY

Please note that per the S&J Fence Co. Warranty agreed to upon signing of your fence contract, and the warranty document that was distributed to you once your project was paid in full, S&J Fence Co. does not warranty deficiencies in the fence due to client's failure to maintain proper hydration of the soil where fence post footings are located.

During times of extreme heat and lack of rain, South Texas soil will contract and begin to crack. The soil will actually shrink away from the fence post footings, as illustrated in the below photos:



GROUND HAS CONTRACTED AWAY FROM FENCE POST FOOTING

This type of ground contraction can cause fence posts to become loose, and to lean, causing even new fences to lean and gates to function improperly. **This condition is not covered by your S&J Fence Co. Warranty because 1) we have no control over the climate, and 2) we have no control over the degree to which the client keeps their soil properly hydrated.**

S&J Fence Co. recommends that you treat your fence post footings like your home or building foundation. Regularly inspect them for signs of soil contraction, and if you see this condition present, treat the area by watering by hand, or with a soaker hose. In most cases, watering with a soaker hose for 1-2 hrs per week, even during the hottest/driest periods of summer, will prevent this condition. We also recommend that you do not remove grasses or other ground-level vegetation from your fence line, either by spraying with herbicide or by other manner. The root base from this kind of vegetation will help the soil retain moisture and prevent cracking and contraction.

Please feel free to visit www.sifenceco.com/warranty to view a short video on this issue, or call us if you have any questions. It is our hope that by giving our clients this information, we are able to help you avoid this issue altogether.