

When building a physical house people know that they need a strong foundation. Most importantly it must follow orderly steps to become solid. However, many do not realize that a strong foundation has many steps. The list below details steps for building a house. If you look closely, the first eight items deal with creating a foundation. There are a lot more steps than people think because they are not obvious and rarely seen.

To create a financial house that will withstand retirement and all the “known knowns, known unknowns and the unknown unknowns”, (Rumsfeld 2002). you must follow a certain order as well. Nevertheless, they are many steps to building a financial foundation to secure your financial home. This program will review some of the steps necessary to build a strong foundation.

1. **SURVEY LOT**
2. **STAKE LOT**
3. **CLEAR AND ROUGH GRADE**
4. **EXCAVATE**
5. **FOOTINGS**
6. **FOUNDATION**
7. **WATERPROOF AND FOUNDATION DRAIN**
8. **BACKFILL**
9. FRAMING
10. ROOFING, WINDOWS AND EXT DOORS
11. EXTERIOR SIDING AND TRIM
12. ROUGH HVAC, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL
13. INSULATION & DRYWALL
14. CABINETS
15. INTERIOR DOORS AND TRIM
16. PAINT AND WALLPAPER
17. WOOD FLOORS
18. COUNTER TOPS
19. VINYL AND CERAMIC TILE
20. SAND AND FINISH WOOD FLOORS
21. FINISH ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, HVAC
22. CARPET
23. HARDWARE AND SCREENS
24. DRYWALL REPAIRS
25. CLEAN UP
26. RETAINING WALLS
27. WALKS, DRIVES, AND PATIOS/DECK
28. FINISH GRADING & LANDSCAPING
29. YOUR FINISHING TOUCHES -DECORATING
30. **ENJOYING LIVING THERE**