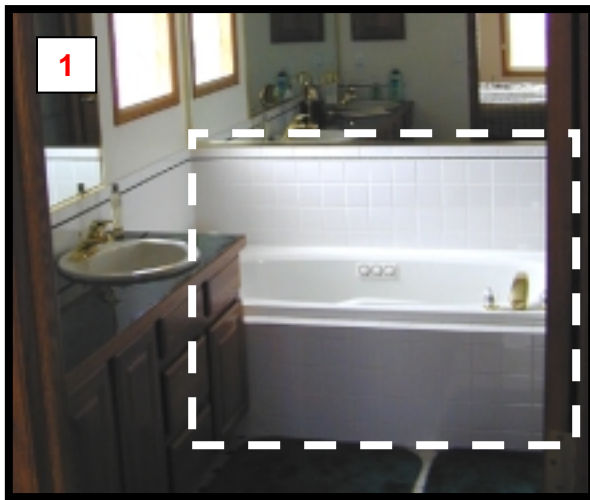


A Tale of Two Bathtubs

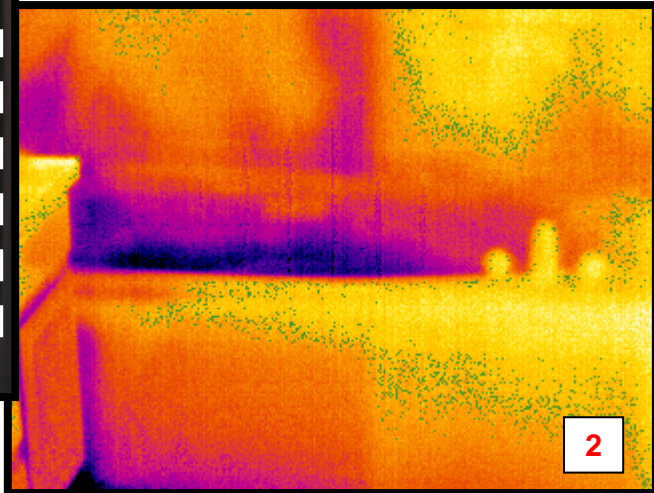
A warm bath feels pretty darn nice after a day on the slopes. Don't take it for granted.

Beware: If an important detail gets overlooked during construction, your bath may be cold.

The photos below show the problem and how to avoid it . . .



Brrrrrrrrr!



The photos above show a bathtub that's located on an exterior wall. Photo 1 is a normal photo. Photo 2 is an infrared image; the colors indicate temperatures. Lighter colors mean warmer surfaces; darker colors mean cooler surfaces. The inside of the tub is pretty chilly!

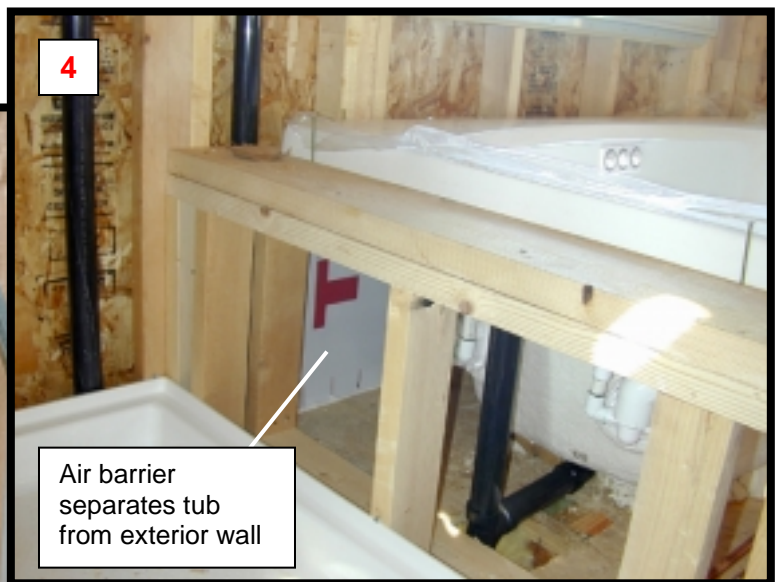


Photo 3 is the behind-the-wallboard view of another tub that will be cold during the winter. That's because there's no "air barrier" to block cold air from flowing from the exterior wall to the space under the tub. Moist indoor air can also find that cold wall, where the water vapor may condense and cause damage.

In contrast, Photo 4 shows a tub that will be warm in winter. There will be no condensation or mold behind this tub. The difference: there is an air barrier at the exterior wall. The extra cost for a warm tub: \$10-20. **Details matter!**