

FAQs @ Construction Sha

In this section on Frequently Asked Questions about Construction Sha, let's go over first what IS and what IS NOT a Construction Sha. The word "sha" related to something that is harmful.

Construction Sha is a term used to describe the action and potential negative effects of being close to a construction site. By close, the areas of most concern are directly across from or behind your property, or directly on either side. If you do your own construction, inside or outside your home or business, there is potential for short term consequences that you might otherwise want to avoid. The effects usually involve health and relationships. While any construction project can be annoying for mundane reasons, (noise, dust), construction sha does not usually affect your financial income.

The concept is that energy is being disturbed, whether it is ground being dug up, or parts of a structure being altered.

If you are very close to a neighboring property under construction, potential negative effects can be similar.



The first goal is to avoid being around a Construction Sha, if you have any control over the circumstances.

If that is not possible, then some counter measures can be applied to lessen the influence.

Each year there are several directions which can be classified as a Construction Sha direction. If you are a client of mine, this is something I alert you to in the initial consultation, as well as annually with Updates.

In other words, there is no such thing as a certain direction being bad all the time. It has to be about timing as well.

What kinds of alterations constitute a Construction Sha?

Being very close to a literal demolition or construction site is a “sha.”

If a neighboring property in front of yours, behind yours, to the left or right is undergoing massive changes, with noise and debris: that can affect you.



If the ground is being dug up, to plant a tree, remove a tree, or even larger projects like building a pool, this is a substantial “ground breaking” going on.

Inside your own home, if walls are being moved, plumbing or electrical projects, tearing out counter surfaces or flooring all count as Construction Sha.

As well, removing exterior walls, roof and ceiling are major tasks that fall under the category of Construction sha.



What is NOT a Construction Sha?

You do not have to be concerned about the locations or timing for: painting, hanging a picture or shelf, changing a lighting fixture or door knob, applying wall paper, or other home renovation projects that are minor and take minutes to do. Moving furniture is not a Construction Sha.

Outside, you would also not need to be concerned about planting flowers or very small landscaping tasks. Putting up an entire wall, with a lot of digging involved WOULD be considered a potential Construction Sha. Changing a door and using the same hinges might not be a Construction sha at all, whereas changing a window is much more work and could easily involve breaking up and repairing the surrounding wall.

What happens when you do a construction in the wrong location for that year?

Minor to major mishap can result from doing construction in the wrong direction for that year. It might include minor injuries to homeowner or workers, delays in the project, contractual disputes, or complications with the project that turn it into something more extensive at the last minute.

Some health issues might also be instigated or aggravated by wrong timing. Each of the eight basic directions is related to certain body parts and functions and wrong timing of a construction can be correlated with those areas. For example, the west direction is related to the mouth and breasts. Pulling up a tree to the west of the house could irritate the owner's teeth or mouth while that is going on.

What do you do if you cannot avoid doing a construction or renovation project that involves more than one direction?

You can start the project, or mandate that your contractor start the project in one of the better directions first, and then move their way over to the less desirable location. A good example would be a roof repair which can involve all the direction.

You should also be able to receive from your Feng Shui advisor the best month to work in a certain area, if the whole year is not the greatest for that area. You can even further fine tune Date Selection to starting the project on a good day (and in a good month) to help compensate for it not being a good year for construction in that area.

What do you do if your neighbor starts a project that you have no control over?

Depending on the size of their project and the proximity, there might not be much you can do. However, this is an instance where hanging a metal chime between their project and your house can help buffer the "construction sha" energy.

As a client of mine, I would be marking on your floor plan exactly where to place a metal chime from the roof overhang or a metal rod outside in the ground. We try to get within 15 degrees of accuracy in alignment with the offending source of “sha.”



I would agree that a wind chime might seem like a small, feeble answer to a large nearby construction project. And yet, when I have recommended this traditional solution, problems which started after a construction was under way, do seem to resolve after the chime is added. The metal can help absorb the vibrations and disturbance.

If there is a metal gate or fence already between the construction site and your structure, this can be a de facto adjustment already in place.

If problems arise during a construction project, like a health issue, will they continue after the construction project is complete?

This varies from one case to the next. Often, the problem will resolve after the area being torn apart is fixed or renovated. But no one wants a problem to begin with.

I cannot hang a chime from my roof. Are there alternative measures?

You can also get some metal garden rods and stick them in the ground in between the Construction sha and your house.



Please let me know if you have any other questions regarding demolition, construction or renovation projects for interiors or exteriors.

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