

The Ultimate Home Inspection Checklist for Buyers



Address : _____

Date : M ___ D ___ Y _____

The Kitchen

| | Yes | No | Notes |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Counter tops in good condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Sinks in good condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Pipes under sink in good condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Floor under sink in good condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Water flow working properly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Water pressure working properly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Built-in appliances operate properly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Cabinets doors and drawers in good condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Garbage disposal or waste pipes working properly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

The Floors, Walls and Ceilings

| | Yes | No | Notes |
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| Straight & Level | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Stains on floors, walls or ceilings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Water damage | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Paint & paneling in good condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Flooring in good condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Significant cracks | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Lights and Switches operate properly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Adequate number of electrical outlets | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Electrical outlets test properly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Adequate insulation in walls | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Bathrooms

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| Adequate flow and pressure at all fixtures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Hot & cold water are working | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Geysers/water heater working (geyser timing) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| sink, tub and shower drain properly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Plumbing & cabinet floor under sink in good condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Toilet operates properly, no blockages | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Toilet stable, no rocking, no stains around base | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Caulking in good condition: tub and shower area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Tiles secure, wall surface solid | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| No stains or evidence of past leaking | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Helpful Tips:

- Consider the layout as a whole
- Bring someone you trust
- Hire a Professional Inspector

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The Windows and The Doors

- Open and close correctly
- Frames are secure, no cracks, rot or decay
- No broken glass, damaged screens or seals.
- Latches are solid and in good condition.
- Glazing compound in good condition

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Plumbing and Heating

- Heaters operate well throughout
- Electrical panels in good condition
- Visible wiring: in good condition, no exposed splices
- Visible pipes: no damage, no evidence of leaks
- Drain pipes slope slightly down towards outlet
- Water heater: sized to produce adequate hot water
- Water heater: no signs of rust

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Basement

- Foundation cracks and/or stains
- Water leaking into the basement
- Wooden beams/support decay or wear & tear

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- Water damage
- Proper insulation & ventilation
- Wooden beams/support; decay or wear & tear

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The Exterior of the House

- Structure & walls in good condition
- Exterior paint or stain: no flaking or blisters
- Driveway in good condition
- Roof in good condition
- Gutters in good condition, attached securely
- Garage door in good condition (if applicable)
- Garden neat and tidy, encroaching trees

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