

DIY Home Inspection Checklist



When's the last time you took a close look at your home? Use this handy checklist to do a do-it-yourself home inspection to rate these areas and spot any potential problems. ABC Home & Commercial Services makes homeowners' lives easier by providing high-quality, reliable home services.

	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
CHECK FOR WOOD ROT In your attic, touch joist ends and sill plates with a screwdriver, looking for soft spots which may indicate wet or dry rot. Also, look for bubbling or rippled paint and check behind siding for rotting wood.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOOK FOR TERMITE TUBES Inspect along joists in your attic for termite tubes. Termites build these passageways out of mud to protect themselves against predators. These termite highways are the width of a pencil and snake along joists.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ASSESS YOUR ROOF Using your binoculars, walk around the perimeter of your home and look for cracked caulk; rust on flashing; wood rot around your fascia; animal nests in vents and roof overhangs; tree limbs touching the roof; missing, buckled or broken shingles; debris in gutters or an accumulation of granules from worn shingles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONDUCT A DRAINAGE CHECK Does water drain away from the house? Are there any obvious soggy areas? Are gutters and downspouts firmly attached? How does the interior of the roof structure look in the attic? Are there any signs of leaks? Inspect ceilings and around the windows in each room.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LISTEN TO YOUR WATER HEATER If you hear your water heater snap, pop or gurgle, it is likely that you have sediment built up.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDY YOUR CIRCUITRY Take a close look at your electric box (otherwise known as your fuse box) and see if there is any spliced wiring outside electric boxes. Are all your fuses labeled? Do all your switches work throughout your home? Do you have GFCI outlets? Are there any obvious malfunctions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EXAMINE YOUR FOUNDATION Look for cracks in your foundation. Hairline cracks in a block or poured concrete foundation are common, but those that are both horizontal and vertical, or cracks that are growing may signal a foundation problem.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SURVEY YOUR FLOORS Are there any deteriorated carpets, wood or laminate planks or cracked ceramics? Any water staining or other damage? Note any sloping or sagging areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONSIDER YOUR HVAC PERFORMANCE Do your air conditioner and heater adequately heat and cool your home? How old is your furnace?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
THINK ABOUT YOUR APPLIANCES What is the age and condition of the dishwasher, cooktop, oven and refrigerator? Are they all functioning properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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DATE OF INSPECTION

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