

Included in a General Home Inspection

Exterior

I will inspect:

- the exterior wall-covering material, flashing and trim;
- all exterior doors, decks, stoops, steps, stairs, porches, railings, eaves, soffits and fascias;
- and report as in need of repair any improper spacing between intermediate balusters, spindles and rails for steps, stairways, balconies and railings;
- a representative number of windows;
- the vegetation, surface drainage, and retaining walls;
- and describe the exterior wall covering.

Roof

I will inspect (from ground level or the eaves):

- the roof-covering materials;
- the gutters;
- the downspouts;
- the vents, flashings, skylights, chimney and other roof penetrations; and
- the general structure of the roof from the readily accessible panels, doors or stairs.

Basement, Foundation, Crawlspace & Structure

I will inspect:

- the foundation;
- the basement;
- the crawlspace;
- and report observed indications of active water penetration;
- for wood in contact with or near soil;
- and report observed indications of possible foundation movement, such as sheetrock cracks, brick cracks, out-of-square door frames, and unlevel floors;
- and report on any observed cutting, notching and boring of framing members that may, in the inspector's opinion, present a structural or safety concern.

Heating & Cooling

I will inspect:

- the heating system, using normal operating controls, and describe the energy source and heating method;
- and report as in need of repair a heating system that does not operate;
- and report if the heating system is deemed inaccessible; and
- the central cooling equipment, using normal operating controls.



I will provide a personalized inspection of your home.

A home inspection is an evaluation of the overall condition of a property, which is useful for both home buyers and home sellers, as well as real estate professionals. It helps parties to a home sale understand the functions of the various systems and components of a home, as well as the maintenance issues related to homeownership.

A general home inspection is performed as a non-invasive, visual examination of a residential property. While a home inspection will not reveal every issue that exists and cannot predict future conditions, an InterNACHI-Certified Professional Inspector® is trained to identify material defects within a home's specific systems and components that may have a significant, adverse impact on the value of the property, as well as those that pose an unreasonable risk to people.

In addition to the standard items listed here, call me to find out about my specialized inspection services.

Certified InterNACHI Inspector

- I am a member in good standing of the International Association of Certified Home Inspectors (InterNACHI).
- I adhere to the InterNACHI Standards of Practice.
- I abide by the InterNACHI Code of Ethics.
- I stay up to date with the latest inspection techniques in the industry through Continuing Education.

Contact me today to schedule your inspection!


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Electrical

I will inspect:

- the service drop/lateral;
- the meter socket enclosures;
- the means for disconnecting the service main;
- and describe the service disconnect amperage rating, if labeled;
- the panelboards and over-current devices (breakers and fuses);
- the service grounding and bonding;
- a representative number of switches, lighting fixtures and receptacles, including receptacles viewed and deemed to be AFCI-protected;
- and test all GFCI receptacles and circuit breakers observed and deemed to be GFCIs;
- service entrance conductors and conductor insulation;
- for the general absence of smoke or carbon monoxide detectors; and
- service entrance cables.

I will report on:

- any unused circuit breaker panel openings that are not filled;
- the presence of solid conductor aluminum branch circuit wiring, if readily visible;
- any tested receptacles in which power was not present, the polarity was incorrect, the receptacle was not grounded or secured to the wall, the cover was not in place, the GFCI devices were not properly installed or did not operate properly, and evidence of arcing or excessive heat; and
- any deficiencies in the integrity of the insulation, drip loop, or separation of conductors at weatherheads and clearances from grade or rooftops, as they may require repair.

Doors, Windows & Interior

I will inspect:

- a representative number of doors and windows by opening and closing them;
- the walls, ceilings, steps, stairways and railings;
- and report as in need of repair any improper spacing between intermediate balusters, spindles and rails for steps, stairways and railings;
- the garage doors and garage door openers' operation using the installed automatic door control;
- and report as improper any photo-electric safety sensor that fails to respond adequately to testing;
- and report as in need of repair any door locks or side ropes that have not been removed or disabled when the garage door opener is in use;
- and report as in need of repair any windows that are obviously fogged or display other evidence of broken seals.

Plumbing

I will:

- determine and report whether the water supply is public or private;
- verify the presence and identify the location of the main water shut-off valve;
- inspect the water heating equipment, including venting connections, energy-source supply system, and seismic bracing, and verify the presence or absence of temperature-/pressure-relief valves and/or Watts 210 valves;
- inspect all toilets for proper operation by flushing;
- inspect all sinks, tubs and showers for functional drainage;
- inspect the interior water supply, including all fixtures and faucets, by running the water;
- inspect the drain, waste and vent systems;
- describe any observed fuel-storage systems;
- inspect the drainage sump pumps, and operate pumps with accessible floats;
- inspect and describe the location of the main water supply and main fuel shut-off valves;
- inspect and report as in need of repair deficiencies in the water supply by viewing the functional flow in two fixtures operated simultaneously;
- inspect and report as in need of repair deficiencies in installation of hot and cold water faucets;
- inspect and report as in need of repair any mechanical drain stops that are missing or do not operate if installed in sinks, lavatories and tubs; and
- inspect and report any evidence that toilets are damaged, have loose connections to the floor, leak, or have tank components that do not operate.

Fireplace

I will inspect:

- and describe the fireplace;
- the fireplace, and open and close the damper door, if readily accessible and operable;
- the hearth extensions and permanently installed components;
- and report as in need of repair deficiencies in the lintel, hearth or material surrounding the fireplace, including the fireplace opening's clearance from visible combustible materials.

Attic, Ventilation & Insulation

I will inspect:

- the insulation in unfinished spaces;
- for the presence of attic ventilation;
- mechanical ventilation systems;
- and report on the general absence or lack of insulation or ventilation in unfinished spaces.

