

# Home Inspection Checklist

## Exterior

- ✓ Roof
  - View all sides
  - Irregularities? Curled shingles? Missing granules? Cracks / splits?
  - Patched shingles? Sliding shingles? Missing shingles?
- ✓ Chimney
  - View all sides
  - Missing bricks?
  - Cracks?
- ✓ Siding - Hardboard
  - Check for rot at the north side, areas not protected by soffits, and areas closest to ground
- ✓ Siding - Newer Stucco (~1990 + )
  - Look for brown stains below windows
- ✓ Windows - Wood
  - Look carefully for patching / soft areas. North sides and unprotected areas are most susceptible to rot.
- ✓ Windows – Aluminum Clad
  - Squeeze or push on several
  - Open casement (crankout) windows and look at sash from underneath
- ✓ Decks
  - Look underneath for rot
  - Look for sagging from a distance
- ✓ Water Management
  - Gutters?
  - Downspout extensions?
  - Ground pitched away from building?

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## Interior

- ✓ Foundation
  - Concrete block: cracks > ¼" ?
  - Poured concrete: cracks > ⅛" ?
  - Long horizontal cracks?
  - Recently patched cracks?
- ✓ Water Intrusion - Finished Basement
  - Proper water management at exterior?
  - Look for stains at the outside corners. Staining will always start at the floor.
  - Look for wall patching at inside corners.
  - Look behind furniture and carpeting if possible.
  - If in-floor ducts are present, try to look inside every register for signs of moisture
- ✓ Plumbing – Galvanized Steel Pipes
  - Test water flow by running several fixtures in different parts of the house at the same time.
  - Galvanized steel supply pipe from street?
  - If drains are galvanized steel, run a lot of water through every drain.
- ✓ Heating Plant
  - Look for rust, debris, soot, and scorching.
- ✓ Electric Hazards
  - Main Panel – “Stab-Lok” ?
  - 1965 – 1974: Aluminum Wiring?
  - Older than 1940 – Knob & Tube wiring?
- ✓ Interior Stains
  - Stains at floor around patio doors
  - Stains at corners of window frames

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