



Self-Home Inspection Checklist

(Before the home inspector arrives)

- Fix or replace damaged flooring like torn linoleum or cracked tiles
- Drains, faucets, or plumbing fixtures should all have water pressure and drain
- Fill and paint any cracks or holes in the walls.
- Paint the interior with a fresh coat of paint
- Replace burned-out bulbs. A buyer or home inspector won't know if a burned-out light is due to the bulb or an electrical problem.
- Fix any broken stairs inside or outside for both safety and aesthetics.
- Test your interior doors to make sure they close and latch properly
- If your garage door opener or sensors don't work, repair or replace them.
- Check for cracked windows and torn screens and replace them. Also, if you see moisture coming in between the panes of your window, that's a sign they need to be replaced.
- Look for cracks in your driveway and entry walkway to fix. Also, clean up any stains you see. Note: If a major repair is needed, you may want to offer the buyer a credit for the work.
- Paint the exterior with a fresh coat of paint.
- Touch up any peeling paint on window frames, porches, and shutters.
- Replace broken gutters and missing downspouts. Make sure they are cleaned out too for good drainage.
- Reseal your deck (to spruce it up) and repair any broken boards for safety.
- Look for missing shingles or damage to the flashing and fascia. This could be a sign that your roof needs to be replaced.
- Get your HVAC system cleaned and serviced.
- Check for proper drainage around your home, so there is no standing water after it rains.
- Make sure there is 12 inches of space between any vegetation and your house.
- Test your exterior locks and deadbolts to make sure they are latching.
- Make sure that the breakers in the electrical panel box are all labeled correctly.
- Check that all the outlets within six feet of your sink are GFCI.
- Verify that the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors work. Be sure to replace the batteries every 6 months.