

Self-inspection Checklist



Use this form as a guide to conduct your own inspection before you make an offer to buy a home. This does not replace a professional inspection.

INTERIOR	Condition			Water Damage
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Ceilings (brown spots, cracks, sagging)				
Walls (brown spots, cracks, bulging)				
Floors (squeak, unlevel, spongy)				
Windows (open/close, storm windows, screens, lock)				
Doors (open/close, lock)				
Basement (large foundation crack, water stains, mold)				
Attic/crawl space (damage, no insulation)				
Self-inspection exercises (interior)			Yes	No
Turn on every faucet. Is there good water pressure?				
Run water for a few minutes. Does the water drain quickly?				
Flush toilets. Do they work properly?				
Turn on and off every appliance. Do they work?				
Turn on every light switch. Do they work?				
Look behind furniture or stacked boxes. Is there hidden damage?				
Use your sense of smell. Do you smell dampness or mold or other odors?				
Is there evidence of insect or rodent infestation?				
EXTERIOR	Condition			Water Damage
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Roof (damage or missing shingles, sagging)				
Gutters (rusted, leaking, full of debris)				
Foundation (cracked, gaps, crumbles when touched)				
Retaining walls (shifting, cracked, crumbling)				
Driveway (cracks, unlevel)				
Sidewalks (cracks, unlevel)				
Exterior wall (cracks, visible damage, paint peeling)				
Trim (rotting, rusted)				
Deck/porch (sagging, rotting wood)				
Yard (overgrown trees, plants, or grass)				
Fence (rotting wood, bent, sagging)				
Self-inspection exercises (exterior)			Yes	No
Walk around the house. Does the ground slope away from the house?				
Enter the garage. Is it in working condition?				
Walk around the yard. Is the ground level?				

