



Home Inspection Guide

This list covers some of the most common inspections that homebuyers should consider. However, depending on the property's condition and location, your general home inspector may recommend additional inspections or bring in subject matter experts for further evaluation. These specialists can provide a deeper analysis of specific areas, ensuring you have a comprehensive understanding of the property's condition before making a final decision.

General Home Inspection: A general home inspection should include checks on various systems and structural elements. Electrical systems need to ensure that wiring, outlets, and the electrical panel are safe and up to code. Plumbing systems should be checked for leaks, proper drainage, and the overall condition of pipes. Heating and cooling systems must be inspected for their functionality and condition. Appliances should be confirmed to be in working order.

Septic or Sewer Inspection: Checks for leaks, clogs, or other issues in the septic system or sewer lines to ensure proper waste management.

Foundation Inspection: Identifies any cracks, shifts, or water damage that could indicate structural problems.

Mold or Moisture Inspection: Looks for visible mold and uses moisture meters to detect hidden moisture that could lead to mold growth.

Roof Inspection: Examines the condition of shingles, tiles, gutters, and flashing to ensure the roof is intact and effectively directs water away from the home.

Geological Inspection: Assesses soil stability and identifies any geological hazards, such as flood zone risks.

Chimney Inspection: Ensures the chimney is structurally sound, with no cracks or blockages, and that the cap and crown are intact.

Pest Inspection: Looks for signs of termites, rodents, or other pests that could cause property damage.

Radon Testing: Tests for radon gas, which can pose health risks.

Asbestos and Lead Paint Inspection: Identifies the presence of asbestos or lead paint, particularly in older homes, which may require professional removal.