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62 Larchmount Avenue
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PREPARED FOR:
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Monday, October 7, 2019

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October 8, 2019

Dear Matt Baynton and Caitlin Baynton,

RE: Report No. 2556, v.2
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Thank you for choosing The Inspection Professionals to perform your Home Inspection.

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Adam is a member of the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors and International Association of Certified Home Inspectors.

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This Summary outlines some of the potentially short-term significant issues from a cost standpoint. This section is provided as a COURTESY ONLY and cannot be considered a substitute for reading the entire report. Please read the complete document.

It is not possible for a home inspector to predict the future. It would be advisable to annually budget between 0.5% to 1% of the value of the home for unforeseen repairs and maintenance. This would hold true for any house that you were considering.

Things will wear out, break down, and fail without warning. This is a fact of home ownership.

NOTE: ALL ELECTRICAL ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED PRIORITY ITEMS

NOTE: FOR BALLPARK COSTS THE TERM 'MINOR' REFERS TO COSTS UNDER \$500

NOTE: FOR DIRECTIONAL PURPOSES USED THROUGHOUT THE REPORT, THE "FRONT" OF THE HOUSE IS REFERENCED AS FACING THE FRONT DOOR FROM THE EXTERIOR.

During a home inspection we inspect all visible systems and components. There are literally hundreds of potential minor issues found in every home, new and old. The focus of this inspection was not to list every minor flaw or deficiency. The focus of this inspection was to identify MAJOR issues with MAJOR systems and components. To simplify and give you a better understanding of what is considered a major issue, the inspection can generally be categorized as follows.

- 1)OBSERVABLE STRUCTURAL DEFECTS
- 2)OBSERVABLE WATER LEAKAGE/DAMAGE Roof, Plumbing, and basement moisture intrusion.
- 3)OBSERVABLE ELECTRICAL DEFECTS
- 4)LIFESPAN SYSTEMS- Roof Covering, Heating System, Cooling System, Windows

For Ballpark costs of various home components, please click here:

<http://www.inspectionlibrary.com/costs.htm>

Heating

GAS FURNACE \ Venting system

Condition: • [Combustible clearance](#)

Implication(s): Fire hazard

Location: Basement Furnace Room

Task: Correct - too close to sliding door

Time: Immediate

Cost: Minor

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Cooling & Heat Pump

AIR CONDITIONING \ Life expectancy

Condition: • Past life expectancy

Typical lifespan is 10-15 years. The current unit is 17 years old. Service annually and plan for replacement. Low temperature prevented proper testing in cooling mode.

Implication(s): Equipment failure | Reduced comfort

Location: Rear Exterior

Task: Replace

Time: When necessary / Unpredictable

Cost: \$3,000 - and up

This concludes the Summary section.

The remainder of the report describes each of the home's systems and also details any recommendations we have for improvements. Limitations that restricted our inspection are included as well.

The suggested time frames for completing recommendations are based on the limited information available during a pre-purchase home inspection. These may have to be adjusted based on the findings of specialists.

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Descriptions

Sloped roofing material: • [Asphalt shingles](#)

Flat roofing material: • Unknown

Approximate age: • As per Seller, the sloped roof covering was replaced in 2017 and the flat roof was replaced in 2018

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview

Condition: • Most roofs are susceptible to ice dams under the right weather conditions. This is where ice forms at the lower edge of a sloped roof, causing melting water from above to back up under the shingles. We cannot predict which roofs will suffer the most damage under adverse weather

Condition: • Due to height of roof, we did not access flat roof. ALL flat roofs should be inspected annually by a professional roofing contractor.

Seller noted flat roof was replaced in 2018

Task: Inspect annually

SLOPED ROOF FLASHINGS \ Roof/wall flashings

Condition: • [Damage, loose, open seams, patched](#)

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

Location: Front Exterior

Task: Repair

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor



1. *Damage, loose, open seams, patched*

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Inspection Methods and Limitations

Roof inspection limited/prevented by: • Lack of access (too high/steep)

Inspection performed: • With binoculars from the ground

Age determined by: • Reported by seller

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Descriptions

Gutter & downspout material: • [Aluminum](#)

Gutter & downspout discharge: • [Above grade](#)

Lot slope: • [Away from building](#) • [Flat](#)

Wall surfaces and trim: • [Vinyl siding](#) • [Metal siding](#)

Wall surfaces - masonry: • [Artificial stone](#)

Observations and Recommendations

OPTIONAL \ Exterior

Condition: • Other

As per Aetna. there has been no termite activity on the street.

ROOF DRAINAGE \ Gutters

Condition: • Aging - Wear and tear noted. Fasteners loose in some areas

Location: Various Exterior

Task: Repair / Replace

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Regular maintenance item



2. Aging - Wear and tear noted. Fasteners...



3. Example

Condition: • [Discharge onto roofs](#)

Improvement recommendation - Provide downspout from upper gutter to lower gutter to prevent premature wear to Shingles

Implication(s): Material deterioration

Location: Front Exterior

Task: Improve

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor

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4. Discharge onto roofs

WALLS \ Vinyl siding

Condition: • [Buckled or wavy](#)

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

Location: Rear Exterior Wall

Task: Repair / Replace

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor

Condition: • [Loose or missing pieces](#)

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

Location: Rear Exterior Above Door

Task: Repair

Time: Regular maintenance

Cost: Minor



5. Loose or missing pieces

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WALLS \ Masonry (brick, stone) and concrete

Condition: • Most masonry walls have small cracks due to shrinkage or minor settlement. These will not be individually noted in the report, unless leakage, building movement or similar problems are noted

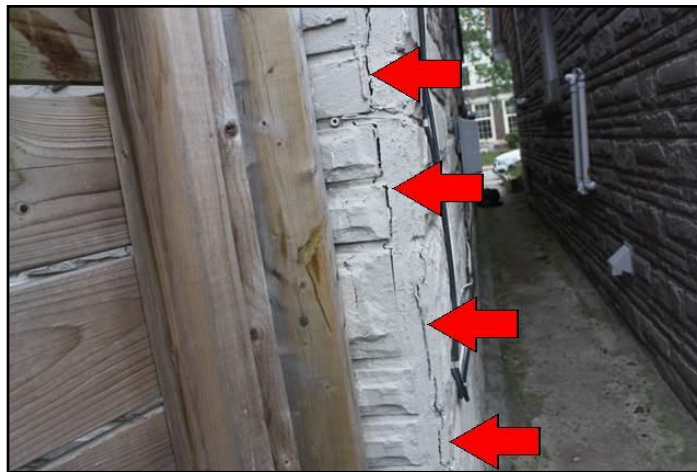
Condition: • Gap at Wall

Patch to prevent water entry and spalling to stone.

Location: Corner Exterior

Task: Patch / Seal

Time: Less than 1 year



6. Gap at Wall

Condition: • [Spalling](#)

Implication(s): Weakened structure | Chance of structural movement

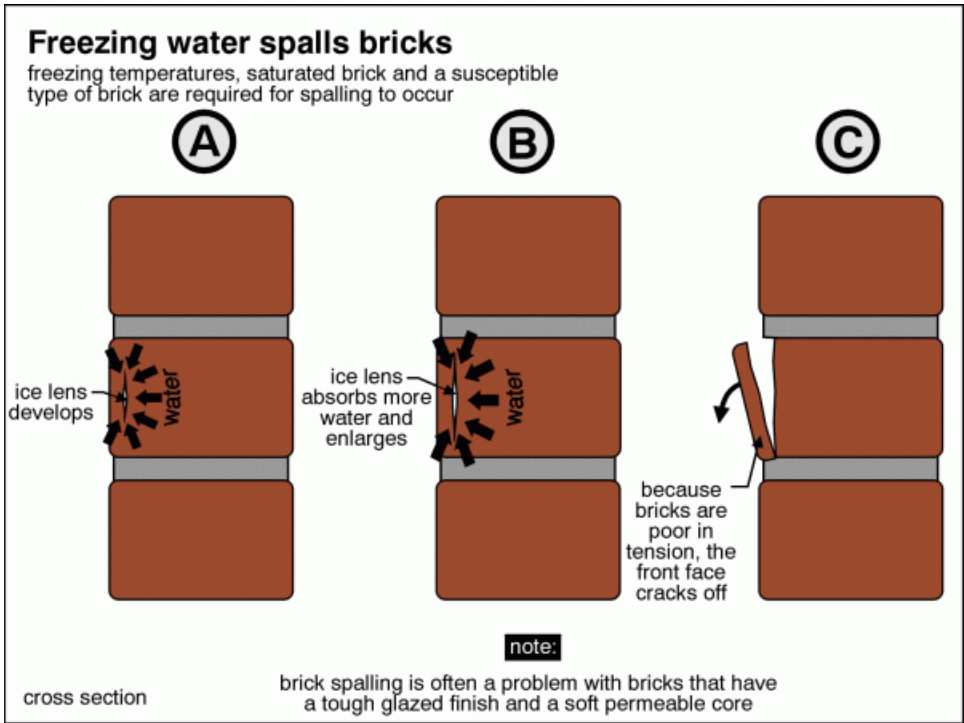
Location: Front Exterior

Task: Repair

Time: Regular maintenance

Cost: Regular maintenance item

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7. Spalling

DOORS \ Exterior trim

Condition: • [Rot](#)

Implication(s): Chance of damage to finishes and structure

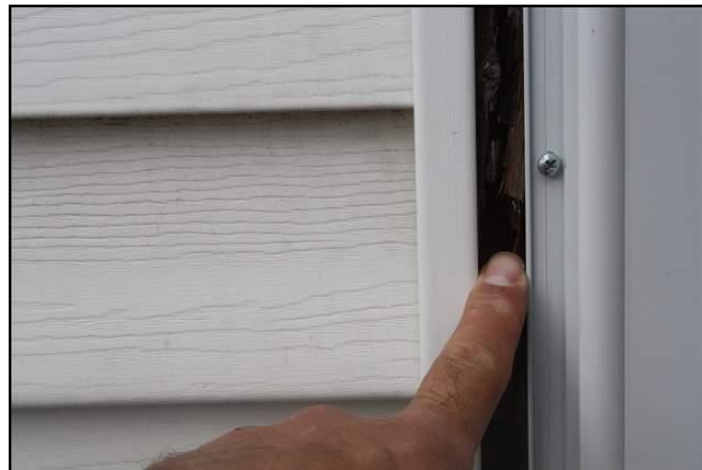
Location: Rear Door

Task: Seal gap around entire door

Time: Less than one year

Cost: Minor

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PORCHES, DECKS, STAIRS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Stairs and landings

Condition: • [Masonry or concrete cracking](#)

Handrail loose due to damaged step

Implication(s): Weakened structure

Location: Front Exterior Staircase

Task: Repair / Replace

Time: Regular maintenance

Cost: Regular maintenance item



10. *Masonry or concrete cracking*

PORCHES, DECKS, STAIRS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Handrails and guards

Condition: • [Loose](#)

Implication(s): Fall hazard

Location: Exterior Front Steps and Rear Steps

Task: Improve hand and guardrails

Time: Regular maintenance

Cost: Regular maintenance item

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11. Loose

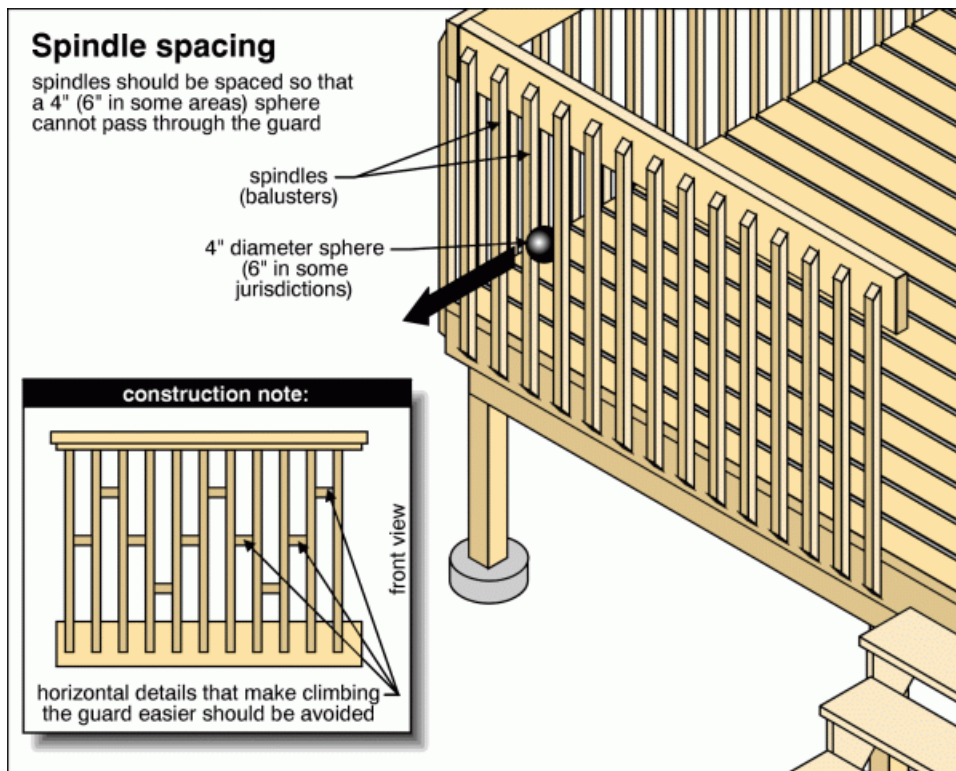
Condition: • [Spindles \(balusters\) climbable](#)

Implication(s): Fall hazard

Location: Rear Exterior

Task: Correct / Provide vertical spindles for child safety

Time: Less than 1 year



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12. Spindles (balusters) climbable

LANDSCAPING \ General

Condition: • [Trees or shrubs too close to building](#)

Keep tree branches trimmed back 3 feet from roof line

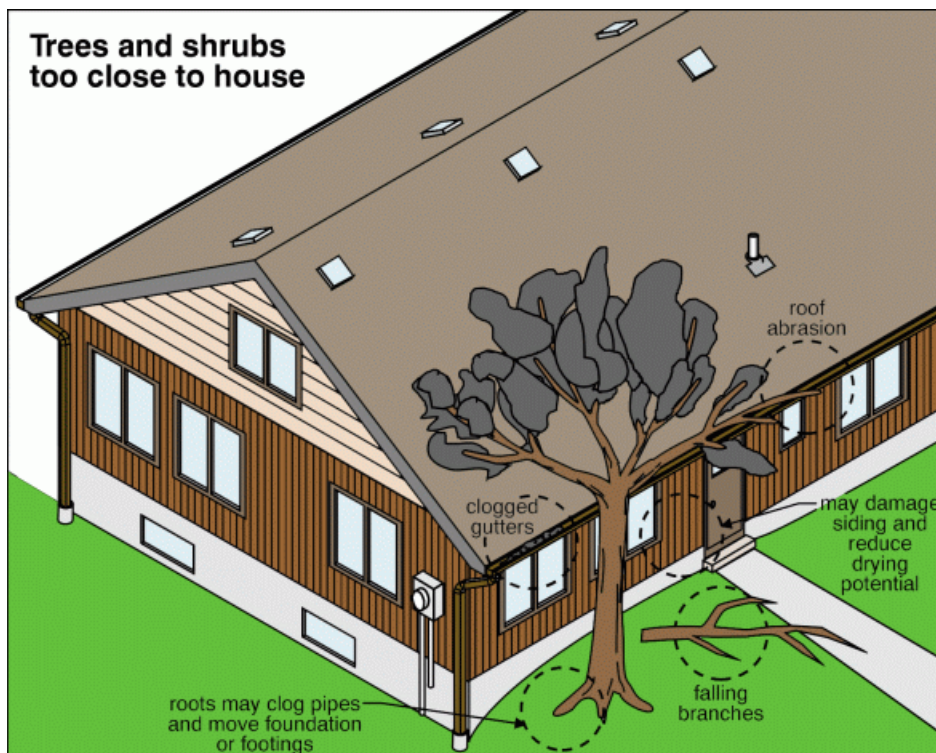
Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Chance of pests entering building | Material deterioration

Location: Front Exterior

Task: Improve

Time: Ongoing

Cost: Regular maintenance item



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13. *Trees or shrubs too close to building*

LANDSCAPING \ Lot grading

Condition: • During rainfall, walk the exterior to view if any water is draining towards the home. Improve these areas as needed

Recommended on all homes

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Upper floors inspected from: • Ground level

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Descriptions

Configuration: • [Basement](#)

Foundation material:

- [Brick](#)
 - Not visible
- Not visible in most areas

Floor construction: • [Joists](#)

Exterior wall construction: • [Masonry](#)

Roof and ceiling framing: • Not visible

Observations and Recommendations

FOUNDATIONS \ Performance opinion

Condition: • Not Visible

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Ceiling, wall and floor coverings • Carpet/furnishings • Storage • New finishes/paint

Attic/roof space: • No access

Percent of foundation not visible: • 99 %

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Descriptions

General: • ALL ELECTRICAL CONDITIONS ARE CONSIDERED PRIORITY ITEMS

Service entrance cable and location: • [Overhead - cable type not determined](#)

Service size: • [100 Amps \(240 Volts\)](#)

Main disconnect/service box type and location: • [Breakers - basement](#)

Distribution panel type and location: • [Breakers - basement](#)

Distribution panel rating: • [125 Amps](#)

Distribution wire material and type: • [Copper - non-metallic sheathed](#) • [Copper - metallic sheathed](#)

Type and number of outlets (receptacles): • [Grounded - upgraded](#)

Circuit interrupters: Ground Fault (GFCI) & Arc Fault (AFCI): • [GFCI - bathroom](#)

Smoke alarms (detectors): • Provide New

Smoke alarms (detectors): • [Present](#)

Observations and Recommendations

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Knob-and-tube wiring

Condition: • We observed one outlet in the rear basement storage room that contained knob and tube wiring. This was likely missed or not seen when the wiring upgrade was completed. For safety we recommend that you cap or provide a gfci outlet before using. Depending on your insurer, they may require that you remove this one line.(approx \$400-\$600) Alternatively, we have an arrangement with David Slack Insurers that may offer you coverage without hassle. For more information contact David Slack Insurance at 1-800-971-1363

Location: Rear Basement



14.

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Junction boxes

Condition: • [Cover loose or missing](#)

Implication(s): Fire hazard | Electric shock

Location: Front Basement Closet

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Task: Cover
Time: Immediate
Cost: Minor



15. Cover loose

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Outlets (receptacles)

Condition: • [Reversed polarity](#)

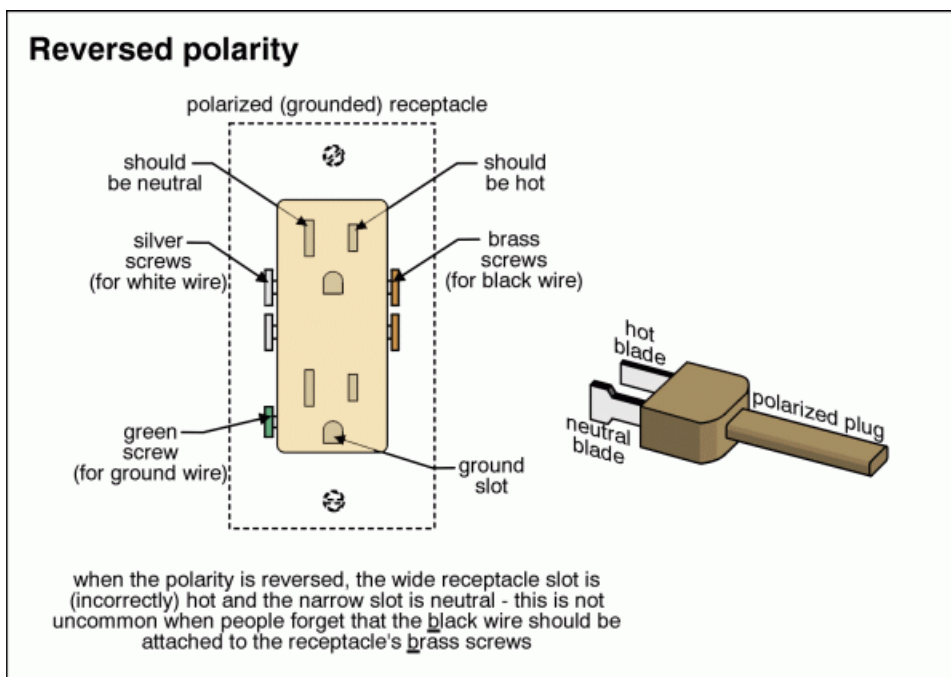
Implication(s): Electric shock

Location: Front Basement Bedroom

Task: Correct

Time: Prior to first use

Cost: Minor



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16. Reversed polarity

Condition: • [Loose](#)

Implication(s): Fire hazard | Electric shock

Location: Rear Basement

Task: Remove

Time: Prior to first use



17. Loose

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Smoke alarms (detectors)

Condition: • Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors should be provided at every floor level of every home. Smoke detectors should be close to sleeping areas, and carbon monoxide detectors should be in any room with a wood-burning stove or fireplace. These devices are not tested as part of a home inspection. Once you take possession of the home, detectors should be tested regularly, and replaced every 10 years. If unsure of the age of a smoke detector, it should be replaced. Smoke detector batteries should be replaced annually.

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Inspection Methods and Limitations

System ground: • Quality of ground not determined

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Descriptions

- System type:** • [Furnace](#)
- Fuel/energy source:** • [Gas](#)
- Heat distribution:** • [Ducts and registers](#)
- Approximate capacity:** • [75,000 BTU/hr](#)
- Efficiency:** • [Mid-efficiency](#)
- Approximate age:** • [12 years](#)
- Typical life expectancy:** • Furnace (conventional or mid-efficiency) 18 to 25 years
- Fireplace/stove:** • None

Observations and Recommendations

General

- Set up annual service plan which includes coverage for parts and labour.

Location: Basement Furnace Room

Task: Service annually

Time: Ongoing

Cost: Regular maintenance item

FURNACE \ Humidifier

Condition: • [Inoperative motor or solenoid valve](#)

Implication(s): Equipment inoperative

Location: Basement Furnace Room

Task: Replace

Time: Prior to first use

Cost: \$400 - \$800

GAS FURNACE \ Venting system

Condition: • [Combustible clearance](#)

Implication(s): Fire hazard

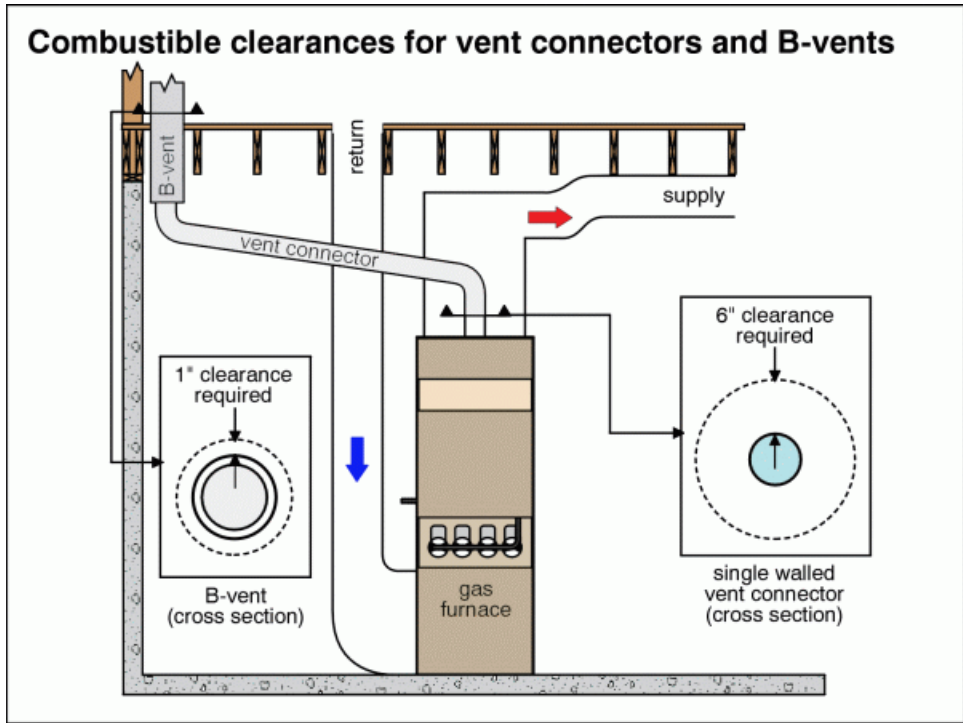
Location: Basement Furnace Room

Task: Correct - too close to sliding door

Time: Immediate

Cost: Minor

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18. Combustible clearance

CHIMNEY AND VENT \ Masonry chimney cap

Condition: • [Missing](#)

shared Chimney

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Shortened life expectancy of material

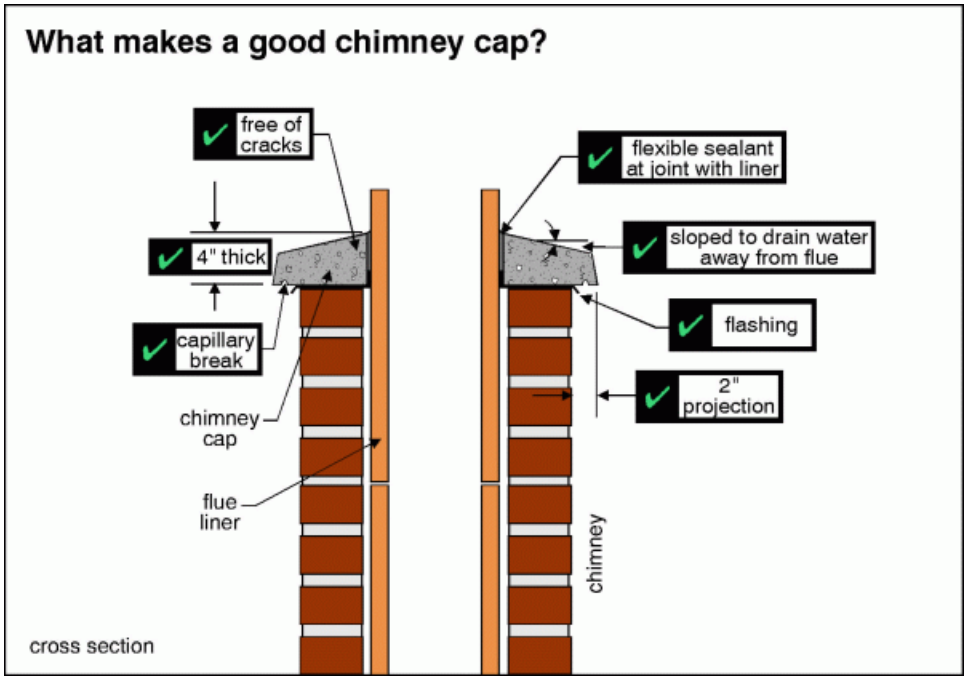
Location: Rear Exterior Chimney

Task: Provide Cap and tuckpoint mortar joints and cracks

Time: Less than one year

Cost: \$500 - \$1,000

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19. Missing

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Safety devices: • Not tested as part of a building inspection

Heat loss calculations: • Not done as part of a building inspection

Heat exchanger: • Not visible

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Descriptions

Air conditioning type: • [Air cooled](#)

Cooling capacity: • [24,000 BTU/hr](#)

Compressor approximate age: • 17 years

Typical life expectancy: • 10 to 15 years

Observations and Recommendations

General

• In general, air conditioning units have a lifespan of 10-15 years but often last longer with regular servicing.

AIR CONDITIONING \ Life expectancy

Condition: • Past life expectancy

Typical lifespan is 10-15 years. The current unit is 17 years old. Service annually and plan for replacement. Low temperature prevented proper testing in cooling mode.

Implication(s): Equipment failure | Reduced comfort

Location: Rear Exterior

Task: Replace

Time: When necessary / Unpredictable

Cost: \$3,000 - and up

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Low outdoor temperature

Heat gain/loss calculations: • Not done as part of a building inspection

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Descriptions

Attic/roof insulation material: • Not determined • Not visible

Attic/roof insulation amount/value: • [Not visible](#)

Attic/roof air/vapor barrier: • [Not visible](#)

Attic/roof ventilation: • [None found](#)

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview

Condition: • No insulation recommendations are offered as a result of this inspection.

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection prevented by no access to: • Roof space • Walls, which were spot checked only

Roof ventilation system performance: • Not evaluated

Air/vapor barrier system: • Continuity not verified

Descriptions

Service piping into building: • [Copper](#)

Supply piping in building: • [Copper](#)

Main water shut off valve at the:

- Front of the basement



20. Main shut off valve

Water flow and pressure: • [Functional](#)

Water heater type: • [Conventional](#)

Water heater fuel/energy source: • [Gas](#)

Water heater tank capacity: • 189 liters

Water heater approximate age: • 5 years

Water heater typical life expectancy: • 10 to 15 years

Waste and vent piping in building: • [Plastic](#)

Floor drain location: • Not visible

Observations and Recommendations

WASTE PLUMBING \ Drain piping - performance

Condition: • Sewage backup insurance is recommended.

Implication(s): drainage and/or leakage problems

Location: Basement

Task: Provide

Time: Immediate

Condition: • Drain line video camera inspection recommended

Recommended on all homes built prior to 1970

Implication(s): Drainage and/or leakage problems

Location: Basement

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Task: Camera inspection

Time: Immediate

WASTE PLUMBING \ Floor drain

Condition: • Not visible

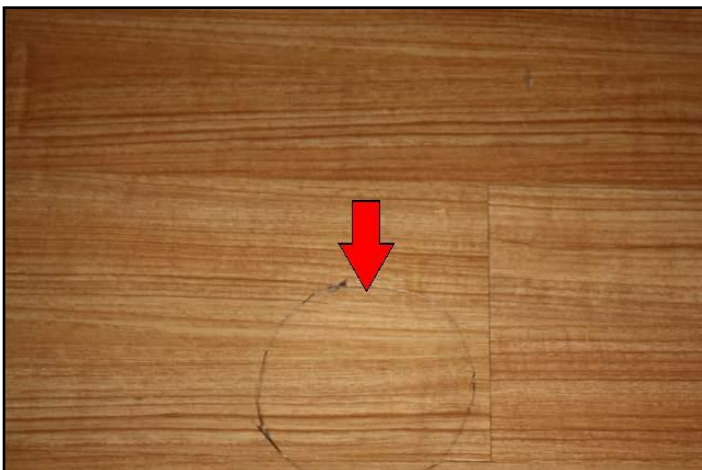
Seller noted that floor drain is below flooring. Remove and expose floor drain.

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

Location: Basement

Task: Correct

Time: Immediate



21. Not visible



22. Not visible

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Items excluded from a building inspection: • Tub and basin overflows are not tested as part of a home inspection. Leakage at the overflows is a common problem.

Items excluded from a building inspection: • Well • Water quality • Septic system • Isolating/relief valves & main shut-off valve • Concealed plumbing • Tub/sink overflows • Water treatment equipment • Pool • Spa

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Major floor finishes: • [Hardwood](#) • [Laminate](#)

Major wall and ceiling finishes: • [Plaster/drywall](#) • [Stucco/texture/stipple](#)

Windows: • [Fixed](#) • [Single/double hung](#) • [Sliders](#)

Glazing: • [Single](#) • [Double](#) • [Primary plus storm](#)

Exterior doors - type/material: • Hinged

Observations and Recommendations

General

• Typical minor flaws were noted on floors, walls and ceilings. These cosmetic issues reflect normal wear and tear

WINDOWS \ General

Condition: • We noted windows of varying ages. We typically recommend replacement only when inoperative or leaky windows are found. Replacement of functioning windows, however old, are discretionary.

We noted many windows manufactured in the 1990's

Task: Upgrade

Time: As needed

STAIRS \ Handrails and guards

Condition: • [Missing](#)

Handrail should be provided on open side

Implication(s): Fall hazard

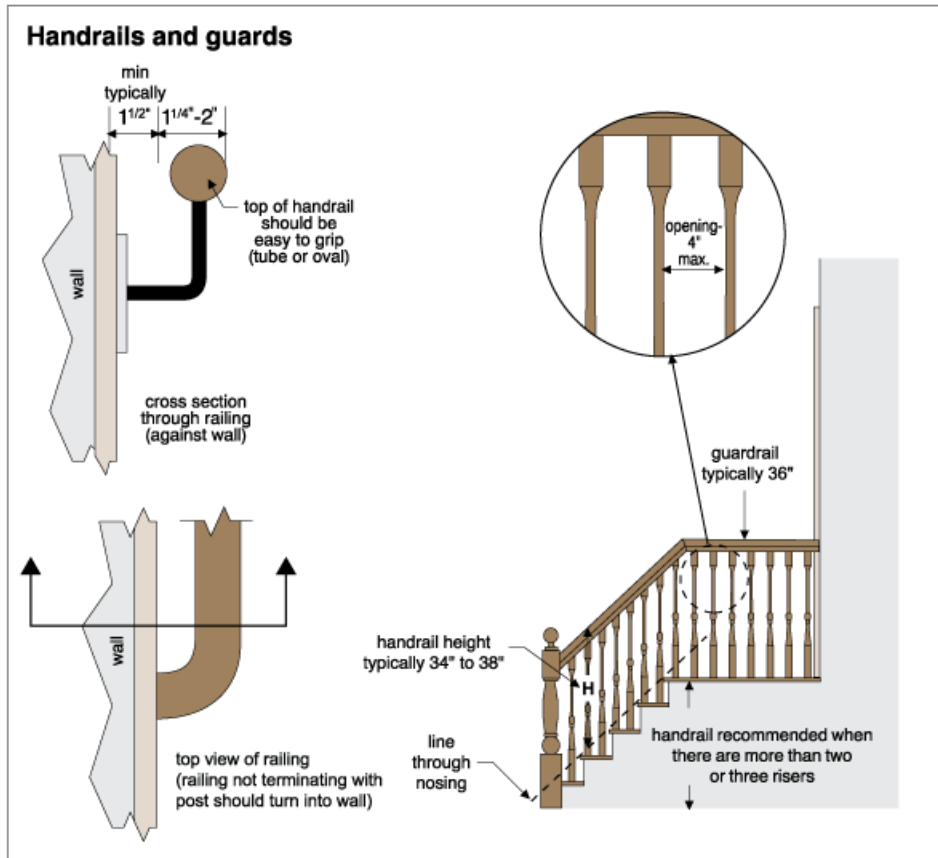
Location: Basement Staircase

Task: Provide

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor

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STAIRS \ Guardrails

Condition: • [Too low](#)

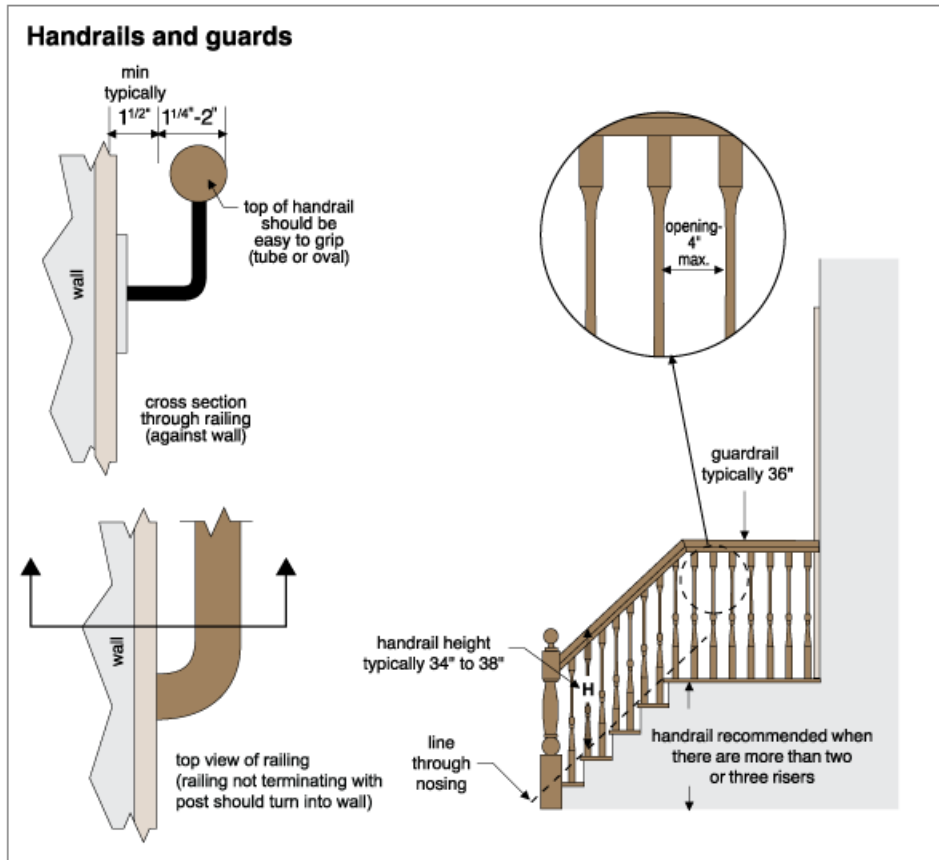
Below modern standards

Implication(s): Fall hazard

Location: Second Floor Hall

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Task: Upgrade
Time: Discretionary



24. Too low

BASEMENT \ Leakage

Condition: • ***FOR FUTURE REFERENCE*** Basement Leakage 4-step method.

Almost every basement (and crawlspace) leaks under the right conditions. Based on a one-time visit, it's

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impossible to know how often or severe leaks may be. While we look for evidence of past leakage during our inspection, this is often not a good indicator of current conditions. Exterior conditions such as poorly performing gutters and downspouts, and ground sloping down toward the house often cause basement leakage problems. To summarize, wet basement issues can be addressed in 4 steps: 1. First, ensure gutters and downspouts carry roof run-off away from the home. (relatively low cost) 2. If problems persist, slope the ground (including walks, patios and driveways) to direct water away from the home. (Low cost if done by homeowner. Higher cost if done by contractor or if driveways, patios and expensive landscaping are disturbed.) 3. If the problem is not resolved and the foundation is poured concrete, seal any leaking cracks and form-tie holes from the inside. (A typical cost is \$300 to \$600 per crack or hole.) 4. As a last resort, dampproof the exterior of the foundation, provide a drainage membrane and add/repair perimeter drainage tile. (High cost)

BASEMENT \ Wet basements - vulnerability

Condition: • Typical of many homes with stone, brick, or block foundations, some moisture can be expected from time to time and is not unusual. Exterior grading and water management improvements are generally effective at reducing basement moisture. A dehumidifier can also be used to keep humidity levels down.

Inspection Methods and Limitations

General: • Up until about 1985, Asbestos was used in a multitude of building materials including but not limited to: Insulation on hydronic piping, attic insulation, flooring and ceiling tiles, stucco ceilings, glue, insulation around heating ducts and registers and so on. Identification of asbestos is outside the scope of a home inspection. If you have concerns about asbestos, consult with a professional environmental company that specializes with asbestos lab testing.

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Storage/furnishings • New finishes/paint • Storage in closets and cabinets / cupboards

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Carbon monoxide alarms (detectors), security systems, central vacuum • Cosmetic issues • Appliances • Perimeter drainage tile around foundation, if any

Cosmetics: • No comment offered on cosmetic finishes

Appliances: • Appliances are not inspected as part of a building inspection • Appliances are not moved during an inspection

Percent of foundation not visible: • 99 %

Basement leakage: • Monitor the basement for leaks in the Spring.

Basement leakage: • Cannot predict how often or how badly basement will leak • Storage in basement limited inspection

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Descriptions

General: • [The Inspection Professionals Website](#)

General: • [Low concentrations of CO can go undetected and can contribute to ongoing, unidentified illnesses. At high concentrations, it can be deadly.](#)

General: • [Serious structural problems in houses are not very common, but when they occur they are never cheap to fix.](#) Some cant be fixed at all. This report wont turn you into a home inspector, but it will give you some of the common indicators.

General: • [There are so many home maintenance and repair items that are important; it can be confusing trying to establish which are the most critical.](#)

General: • [\(Life Cycles and Costs\)](#)

General: • [This report will deal with the simpler topic of home repair--basically replacing things that are worn out or fixing things that are broken.](#)

General: • [Common Building Technical Terms Explained](#)

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Descriptions

GOOD ADVICE FOR ALL HOMEOWNERS: • The following items apply to all homes and explain how to prevent and correct some common problems.

Roof Leaks: • Roofs may leak at any time. Leaks often appear at roof penetrations, flashings, changes in direction or changes in material. A roof leak should be addressed promptly to avoid damage to the structure, interior finishes and furnishings. A roof leak does not necessarily mean the roof has to be replaced.

Annual Roof Maintenance: • We recommend an annual inspection and tune-up to minimize the risk of leakage and to maximize the life of your roof.

Ice Dams on Roofs: • [Most roofs are susceptible to ice dams under the right weather conditions. This is where ice forms](#) at the lower edge of a sloped roof, causing melting water from above to back up under the shingles. We cannot predict which roofs will suffer the most damage under adverse weather.

Maintaining the Exterior of Your Home: • Regular maintenance includes painting and caulking of all exterior wood.

Insulation Amounts - Current Standards: • Attic and roof space: R-40 (R-50 if electric heat)

Reduce Air Leaks: • Insulation is not effective if air (and the heat that goes with it) can escape from the home. Caulking and weather-stripping help control air leakage, improving comfort while reducing energy consumption and costs. Air leakage control improvements are inexpensive and provide a high return on investment.

Bathtub and Shower Maintenance: • Caulking and grout in bathtubs and showers should be checked every six months and improved as necessary to prevent leakage and damage behind wall surfaces.

Basement/Crawlspace Leakage: • Almost every basement (and crawlspace) leaks under the right conditions. • [Click](#) for more information.

MORE GOOD ADVICE FOR ALL HOMES: • Here is some more information that applies to all homes.

MORE GOOD INFORMATION: • The following links give you access to documents that provide additional information on a range of topics.

Life Cycles and Costs: • [Ballpark estimates based on a typical three-bedroom home.](#)

Priority Items for Home Buyers: • [A list of things you should do when moving into your new home and a few regular maintenance items.](#)

Maintenance: • [Scheduled maintenance can avoid repairs and extend the life expectancy of many home components.](#) This document helps you look after your home.

When Things Go Wrong: • [Unpleasant surprises are unfortunately part of homeownership. This document helps to explain why things happen and why your home inspector may not have predicted it.](#)

Standards of Practice: • [This document sets out what a professional home inspection should include, and guides the activities of our inspectors.](#)

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Click on any link to read about that system.

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Radon

Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation (UFFI)

Lead

Carbon Monoxide

Mold

Household Pests

Termites and Carpenter Ants

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» 14. MORE ABOUT HOME INSPECTIONS

