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FOR THE PROPERTY AT:
251 Driftwood Avenue
Toronto, ON M3N 2N6

PREPARED FOR:
KARLA WARDLE
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INSPECTION DATE:
Friday, September 5, 2025

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Dear Karla Wardle and Emir Dickson,

RE: Report No. 8537
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Toronto, ON
M3N 2N6

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Adam is a Certified Master Inspector and member of the International Association of Certified Home Inspectors (CPI # NACHI07020704)

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HIGHLIGHTS:

This 1964 solid masonry home on poured concrete foundations is in average condition overall compared to homes of similar age and style. The roof covering features asphalt shingles, which are in good condition overall.

No recent upgrades to major systems or components were observed, and various finishes and components will require updating.

As is typical for homes of this age, there is a mix of newer and older systems and components.

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THIS REPORT

This summary outlines some of the potentially significant issues that may require short-term attention due to cost, safety, or performance concerns. This section is provided as a courtesy only and is not a substitute for reading the entire report. Please review the full report in detail.

It is not possible for a home inspector to predict the future. We recommend budgeting between 0.5% to 1% of the home's value annually for unforeseen repairs and maintenance. This applies to any property you may consider.

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

This inspection was performed in accordance with the most recent CAHPI Standards of Practice.

NOTE: ALL ELECTRICAL ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED PRIORITY ITEMS.

NOTE: THE TERM 'MINOR' GENERALLY REFERS TO COSTS UNDER \$1000.

NOTE: FOR DIRECTIONAL PURPOSES, "FRONT" OF HOUSE IS REFERENCED AS FACING THE FRONT DOOR FROM THE OUTSIDE.

During a home inspection, we evaluate all visible systems and components. Hundreds of potential minor issues exist in every home old or new. This inspection is not a technical audit. (A technical audit can be performed at an additional cost.)

The focus of this inspection was to identify major issues with major systems and components.

For clarity, major issues generally fall into four categories:

- 1) OBSERVABLE STRUCTURAL DEFECTS
- 2) OBSERVABLE WATER LEAKAGE OR DAMAGE -- Roofing, Plumbing, and Basement.
- 3) OBSERVABLE ELECTRICAL DEFECTS
- 4) LIFESPAN SYSTEMS -- Roof Covering, Heating, Cooling, Windows

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Structure

ROOF FRAMING \ Sheathing (roof/attic)

Condition: • [Delaminated](#)

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

Location: Throughout Attics

Task: Replace sheathing at next roof replacement

Cost: \$150-\$300 per sheet installed

Condition: • Mold / Fungi - localized area(s)

Observed at localized areas of sheathing. Mold assessment is outside our scope of work. Consult specialist or contact us for list of service providers.

Photos show 2 examples

Location: Attics

Task: Further evaluation / Remediate

Time: Discretionary / As needed

Cost: Consult specialist

Electrical

SERVICE DROP AND SERVICE ENTRANCE \ Service drop

Condition: • [Branches / vines interfering with wires](#)

Implication(s): Damage to wire | Electric shock | Interruption of electrical service

Location: Front Exterior

Task: Correct

Time: As Soon As Possible and Ongoing

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Smoke alarms (detectors)

Condition: • Old

Implication(s): Life safety hazard

Location: Various

Task: Replace

Time: Immediate

Cost: Minor

Heating

FURNACE \ Ducts, registers and grilles

Condition: • [Disconnected ducts](#)

Return ducting not secured. Entire section loose

Implication(s): Increased heating costs | Reduced comfort

Location: Basement Furnace Area

Task: Correct

Time: As Soon As Possible

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Cooling & Heat Pump

AIR CONDITIONING \ Life expectancy

Condition: • [Near end of life expectancy](#)

Typical Life Expectancy for this type of unit is 10-15 years but can often last longer with regular servicing. The current unit is 10 years old and was functional.

Implication(s): Equipment failure | Reduced comfort

Location: Exterior

Task: Replace

Time: When necessary / Unpredictable

Cost: \$3,500 - and up

Plumbing

WATER HEATER \ Life expectancy

Condition: • [Near end of life expectancy](#)

Typical life expectancy is 10-15 years. The current unit is 12 years old

Implication(s): No hot water

Location: Basement Water Heater

Task: Replace

Time: When necessary / Unpredictable

Cost: Rental \$35-\$55 monthly. Purchase \$2000 - and up

WATER HEATER - GAS BURNER AND VENTING \ Venting system

Condition: • [Poor slope](#)

Implication(s): Equipment not operating properly | Hazardous combustion products entering home

Location: Basement Furnace Room

Task: Correct

Time: As Soon As Possible

Cost: Minor

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Basin, sink and laundry tub

Condition: • [Leak](#)

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents | Sewage entering the building

Location: Upper Bathroom

Task: Repair

Time: Before using

Cost: Minor

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Interior

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • OVERALL - Flaws were noted on floors, walls, ceilings, fixtures, and finishes typical of an older home. Renovations are a major expense, highly dependent on personal preferences. The focus of this inspection was to identify defects with major systems and components and does not list every flaw with cosmetics/finishes.

Location: Various

Task: Upgrade

Time: Discretionary

Cost: Too many variables - consult with specialist

WINDOWS \ General notes

Condition: • Aging

The windows are old and deteriorated. Additionally the exterior trims/frames are in poor condition. Full replacement (brick to brick) is recommended.

Location: Throughout

Task: Upgrade

Time: As soon as practical

Cost: Major \$60 - \$100 per square foot

WINDOWS \ Glass (glazing)

Condition: • [Cracked](#)

Implication(s): Physical injury

Location: Front First Floor

Task: Replace

Time: As Soon As Possible

Cost: \$300 - \$600

APPLIANCES \ Oven

Condition: • Gas leak

A strong natural gas odor was present upon entering the home. Investigation determined that a burner on the kitchen gas range was left in the "on" position without flame. The burner was shut off, the house ventilated, and the odour dissipated. Listing agent was notified. While this appears to have been accidental, recommend further evaluation by a licensed HVAC/gas contractor to confirm no other leaks are present.

Implication(s): Fire or explosion

Location: Basement kitchen

Task: Confirm safe operation with HVAC/gas specialist

Time: Immediate/Prior to occupancy

POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS \ General notes

Condition: • Possible asbestos containing materials

In homes of this age, it was common to wrap floor registers and vent penetrations (such as around a water heater or furnace vent passing through ceilings or walls) with insulation to reduce heat transfer. These wraps may contain asbestos; however, confirming asbestos content is outside the scope of a home inspection. Health Canada advises that suspected asbestos materials be left undisturbed. If renovations are planned or if there are concerns, consult a qualified specialist for testing and recommendations.

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Implication(s): Health hazard

Location: Various where water heater vent enters ceiling and various heat registers.

Task: Test / Remove if confirmed

Time: Before disturbing material

Cost: \$150 - \$250 per register if asbestos is present

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 home inspection. These may have to be adjusted based on the findings of specialists.

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Descriptions

Sloped roofing material:

- Asphalt shingles -- Good condition



1. Asphalt shingles -- Good condition



2. Asphalt shingles -- Good condition



3. Asphalt shingles -- Good condition



4. Asphalt shingles -- Good condition

Approximate age: • 0-5 years

Typical life expectancy: • 15-25 years

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • All Roofing issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications such as damage to contents, structure and/or finishes.

RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview

Condition: • Annual roof tune-ups are recommended to find and repair damage to roofing materials, flashings and caulking. Roof tune-ups reduce the risk of leaks and resulting water damage and help extend the service life of the roof.

Location: Exterior Roof

Task: Inspect annually

Time: Ongoing

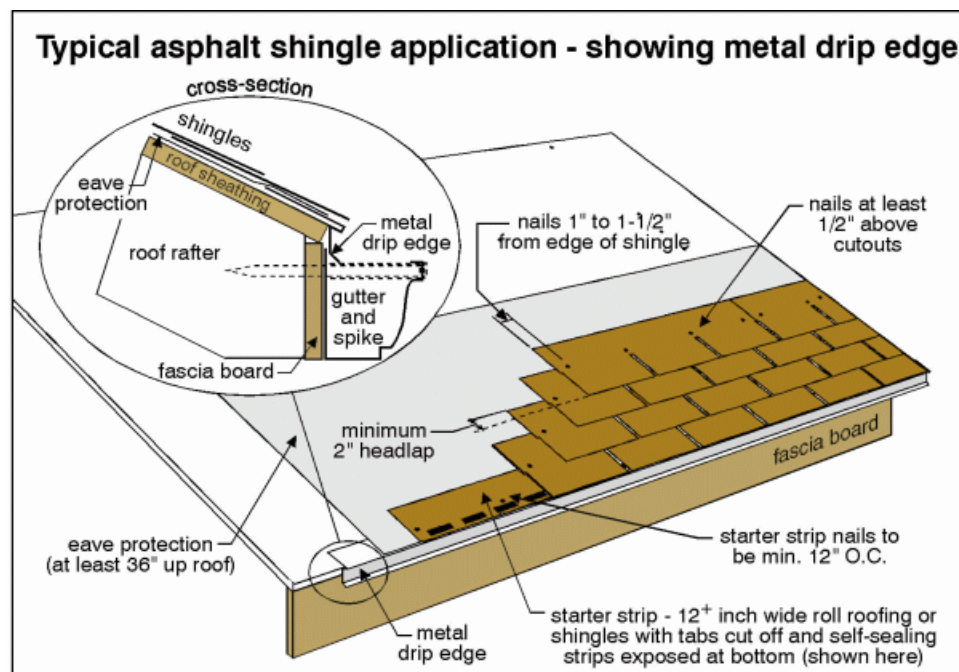
SLOPED ROOF FLASHINGS \ Drip edge flashings

Condition: • [Missing](#)

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

Location: Exterior

Task: For Your Information



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5. Missing

Inspection Methods and Limitations

General and Best Practices: • Most roofs are susceptible to ice damming 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 • • Roof replacement best practices - Strip Roof Covering when replacing. When replacing a roof covering, it is best practice to remove the old layer before installing the new one. While adding a new layer over the existing roof is sometimes done to reduce costs, it can conceal damaged roof boards, flashings, or other components. Installing a third layer is not recommended. Hidden defects are often only discovered during the tear-off process.

Inspection performed: • By walking on roof

Age determined by: • Visual inspection from roof surface

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

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

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

Wall surfaces - masonry: • [Brick](#)

Garage: • Attached

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • All Exterior issues noted have POTENTIAL worst-case implications such as damage to contents, structure and/or finishes, personal safety, shortened life expectancy of materials, and material deterioration

ROOF DRAINAGE \ Downspouts

Condition: • [Damage](#)

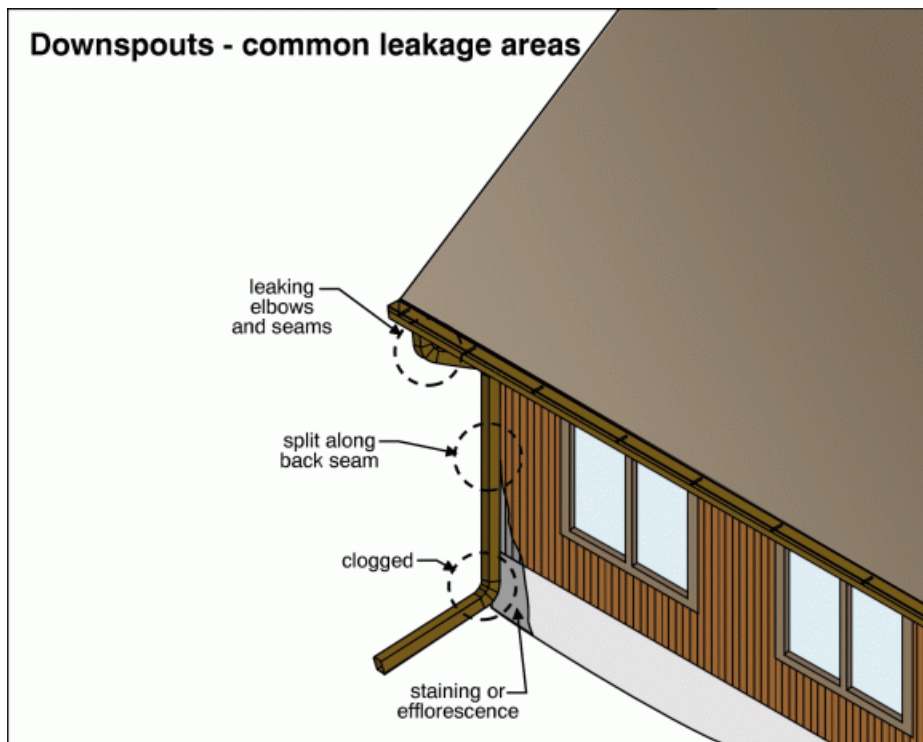
Implication(s): Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents

Location: Exterior

Task: Replace

Time: Less than 6 months

Cost: Consult contractor



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6. Damage



7. Damage

Condition: • [Should discharge 6 feet from building](#)

This is an improvement recommendation for all homes.

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

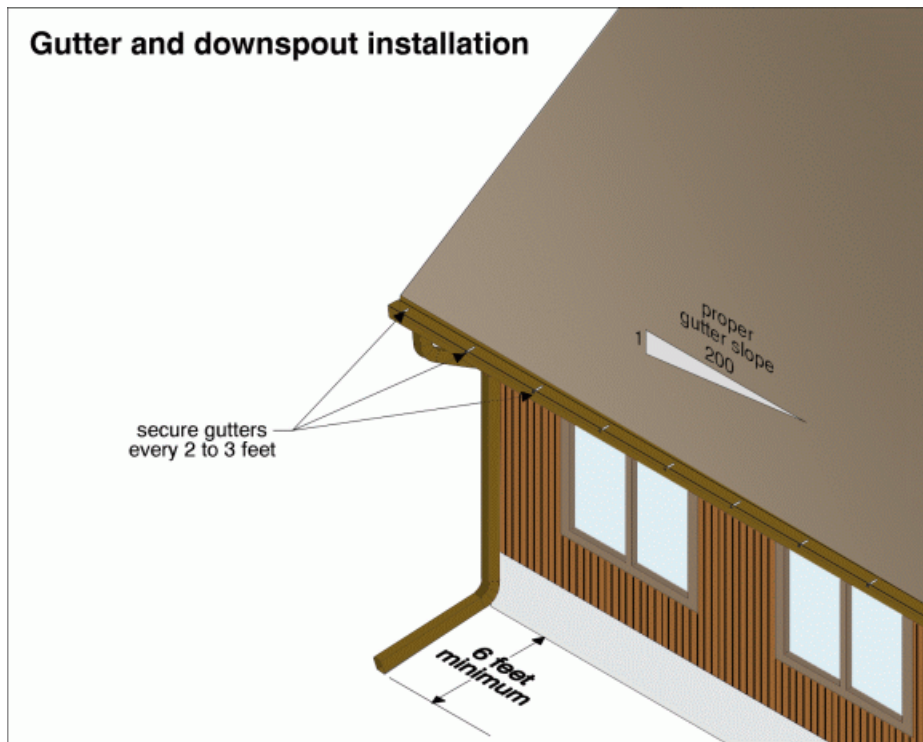
Location: Throughout Exterior

Task: Improve

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor Regular maintenance item

Gutter and downspout installation



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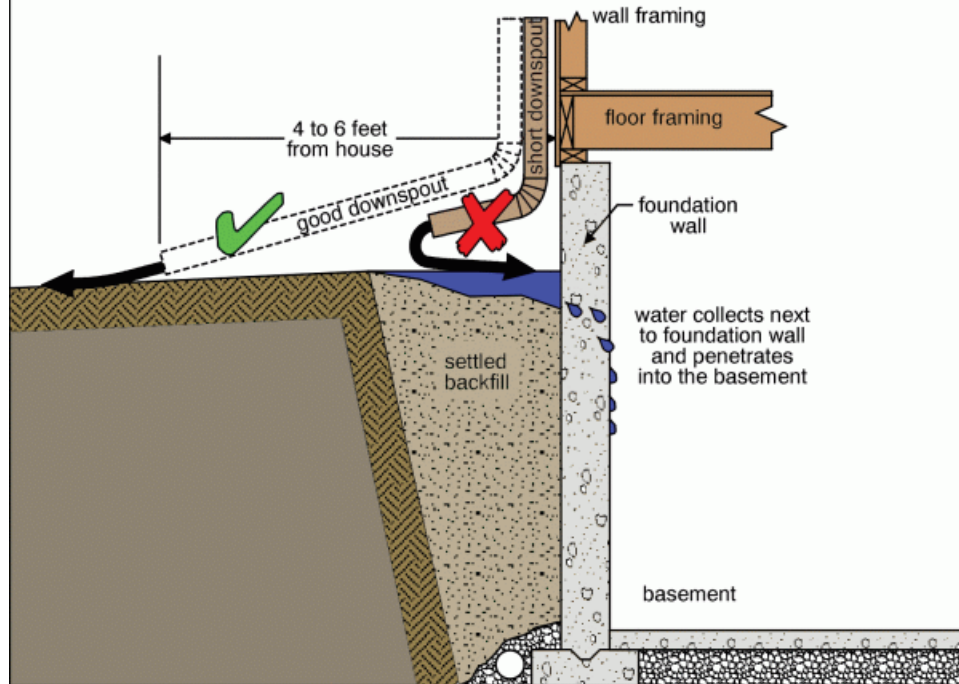
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Downspout extension too short



8. Should discharge 6 feet from building

Condition: • [Too few](#)

Improvement recommendation - good building practice. See illustration.

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

Location: Rear Exterior near corner

Task: Provide additional downspout

Time: Less than 1 year

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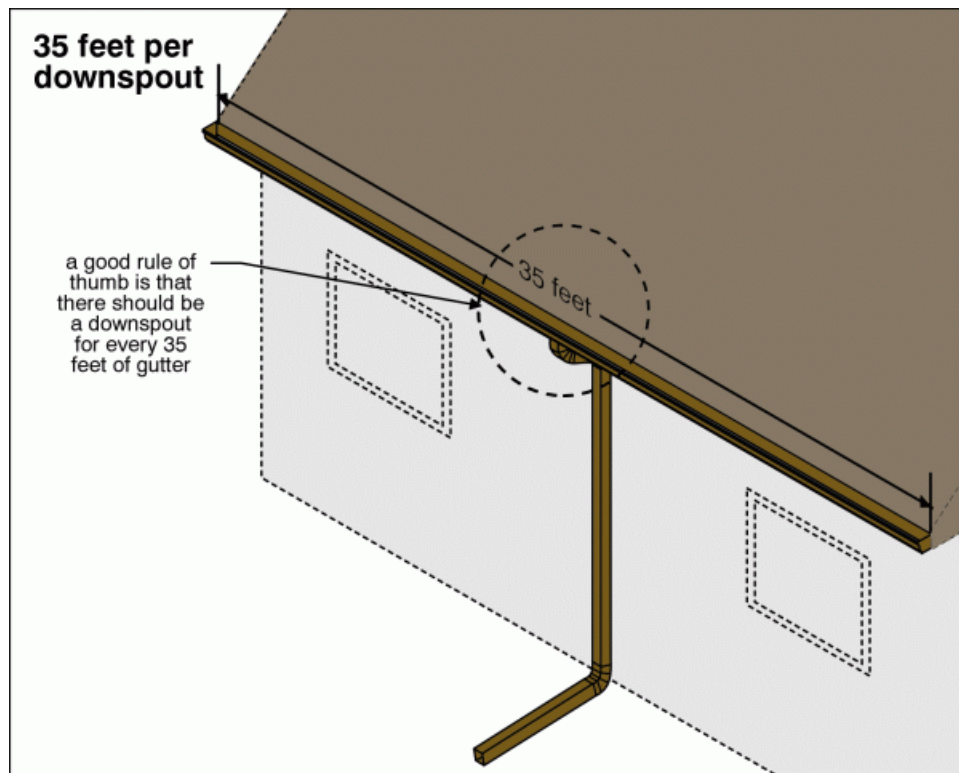
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Cost: Minor



WALLS \ Flashings and caulking

Condition: • [Caulking missing or ineffective](#)

Spray foam is not a suitable long term solution for sealing wall penetrations or gaps.

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

Location: Various Exterior

Task: Correct

Time: Less than 1 year



9. example

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Condition: • FOR ALL HOMES - Caulking around windows, doors, and wall penetrations should be inspected regularly and improved as needed to prevent moisture entry and air leakage.

WALLS \ Masonry (brick, stone) and concrete

Condition: • FOR ALL HOMES - 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: • Masonry and/or mortar deterioration

Tuckpoint / Repoint mortar and patch/repair spalled masonry. This is typical maintenance for a home of this age.

Photos show a sampling.

Location: Various Exterior

Task: Repair

Time: Ongoing Regular maintenance



10. Masonry and/or mortar deterioration



11. Masonry and/or mortar deterioration



12. Masonry and/or mortar deterioration



13. Masonry and/or mortar deterioration

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14. Masonry and/or mortar deterioration

EXTERIOR GLASS/WINDOWS \ Exterior trim

Condition: • [Damage](#)

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

Location: Various Exterior

Task: Replace throughout when replacing windows



15. example



16. example

LANDSCAPING \ Lot grading

Condition: • [Improper slope or drainage](#)

Areas of grading near the home are sloping toward the home. A very important factor in preventing moisture intrusion is to maintain the grading that is nearest the home to promote good drainage away from the home. "Water management" is an important role for all homeowners. Improve all low areas and grading so that water drains away from the home for at least 6 to 12 feet.

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

Location: Left side exterior

Task: Correct

Time: Less than 1 year / Regular maintenance

Cost: Labor intensive work

Recommended grading slopes



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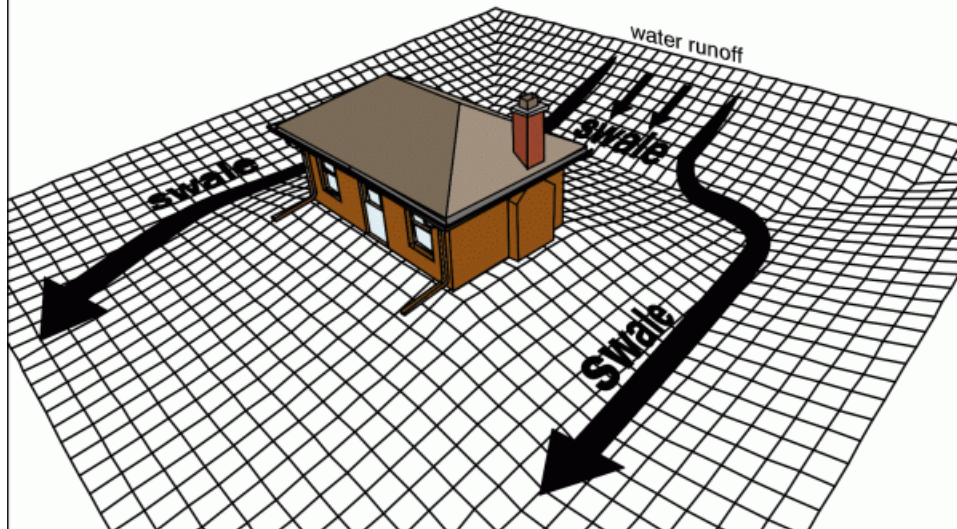
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Swales

when the overall lot drainage is toward the house, swales can be used to direct surface water away from the foundation



17. Improper slope or drainage



18. Improper slope or drainage

Condition: • FOR ALL HOMES - During rainfall, walk the perimeter of the home to observe whether any areas allow water to drain toward the foundation. Improve grading in those areas as needed to promote proper drainage away from the structure.

LANDSCAPING \ Walkway

Condition: • [Improper slope or drainage](#)

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

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Location: Right Side Exterior

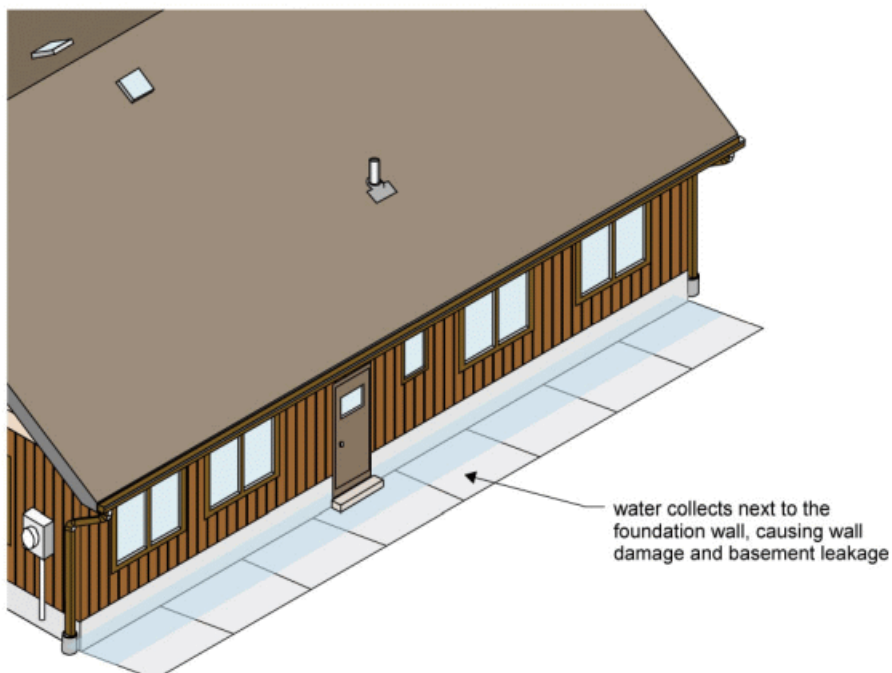
Task: Correct

Time: As soon as practical

Recommended grading slopes



Walk/patio sloping towards house



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19. Improper slope or drainage



20. Improper slope or drainage

GARAGE \ Ceilings and walls

Condition: • Not gastight

Seal / Repair all openings. The garage walls that are adjacent to the house must be gastight. (for carbon monoxide and other possible chemicals that might be present in the garage)

Implication(s): Hazardous combustion products entering home

Location: Garage

Task: Seal

Time: As soon as possible

Cost: Minor



21. Not gastight

REGULAR MAINTENANCE \ Comments \ Additional

Condition: • The following are minor exterior deficiencies and upkeep items noted during the inspection. These are

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common for the age of the home and should be addressed through routine maintenance to reduce risk of deterioration or moisture intrusion:

- Window trims require paint/stain and caulking (however full replacement of window system is recommended as noted in report)
- Step rise at front steps too low or not uniform
- Damaged vent at rear wall. Replace
- Caulking required around exterior vents and HVAC vents
- Keep tree branches trimmed back 3 feet from roof line.
- Window screens torn
- Sealant missing where gas line enters wall

Location: Various Exterior

Task: Repair or Replace or Improve or Monitor

Time: Regular maintenance / Routine upkeep



22. windows trims



23. front step rise not uniform



24. trim trees



25. damaged vent

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26. provide caulking



27. Caulking missing

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Upper floors inspected from: • Ground level

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Underground components (e.g., oil tanks, septic fields, underground drainage systems) • Screens, shutters, awnings, and similar seasonal accessories

Descriptions

Configuration: • [Basement](#) • [Crawlspace](#)

Foundation material: • [Poured concrete](#)

Floor construction: • [Joists](#) • Subfloor - plank

Exterior wall construction: • [Masonry](#)

Roof and ceiling framing: • Rafters

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • All Structure issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications such as damage to contents, structure and/or finishes, and personal safety.

FOUNDATIONS \ General notes

Condition: • Typical minor cracks

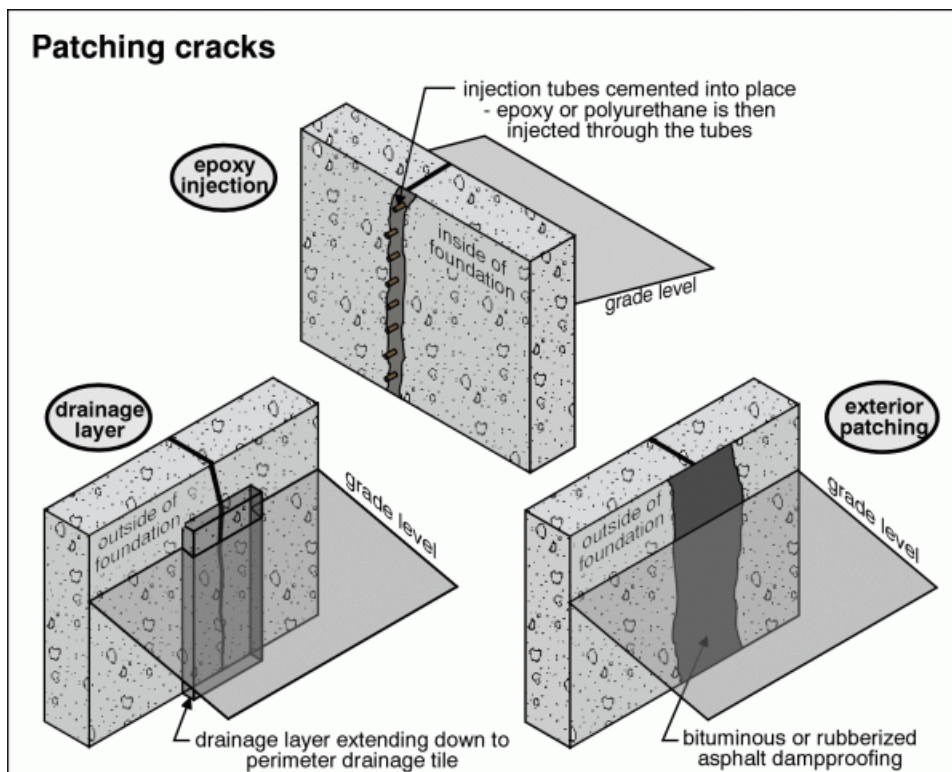
Almost all houses with poured concrete foundations have minor settlement and/or shrinkage cracks. Monitor all cracks for movement and nuisance water leakage. Repair cracks only if necessary

Implication(s): Chance of water entering building

Location: Various Exterior Wall

Task: Monitor / Repair

Time: ongoing / if necessary



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28. Typical minor cracks example

Condition: • Typical Wedge Cracks

These types of corner cracks (also known as wedge cracks) are VERY COMMON. Patch / Repair to prevent water entry and further damage.

Location: Rear corner

Task: Patch

Time: Less than 2 years

Cost: Regular Maintenance



29. Typical Wedge Cracks



30. Typical Wedge Cracks

WALLS \ Solid masonry walls

Condition: • [Masonry too close to grade](#)

Good building practice requires that the foundation extend above grade by 4-6 inches to help prevent water damage/intrusion and/or damage to bricks. We often find patios/walkways/landscaping that have been built up above the foundation. When/if landscaping around the home, regrade to where the foundation is projecting above grade by 4-6

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inches and ensure ground is sloping away from house.

Implication(s): Chance of damage to structure

Location: Various Exterior Wall

Task: Correct

Time: When/if landscaping or as necessary



31. example at rear

ROOF FRAMING \ Sheathing (roof/attic)

Condition: • [Delaminated](#)

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

Location: Throughout Attics

Task: Replace sheathing at next roof replacement

Cost: \$150-\$300 per sheet installed



32. Delaminated



33. Delaminated

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34. Delaminated



35. Delaminated

Condition: • Mold / Fungi - localized area(s)

Observed at localized areas of sheathing. Mold assessment is outside our scope of work. Consult specialist or contact us for list of service providers.

Photos show 2 examples

Location: Attics

Task: Further evaluation / Remediate

Time: Discretionary / As needed

Cost: Consult specialist



36. Mold / Fungi - localized area(s)



37. Mold / Fungi - localized area(s)

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Finishes, insulation, furnishings and storage conceal structural components.

Attic/roof space: • Inspected from access hatch

Percent of foundation not visible: • 95 %

Not included as part of a building inspection: • An opinion about the adequacy of structural components

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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 \(240 Volts\)](#)

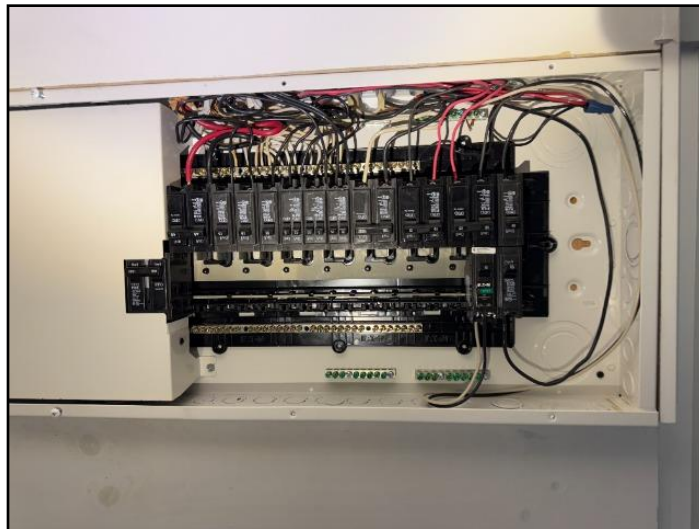
Main disconnect/service box type and location: • [Breakers - basement](#)

System grounding material and type: • [Copper - water pipe](#)

Distribution panel type and location:

• [Breakers - basement](#)

Good condition overall



38. Breakers - basement

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

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

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

Smoke alarms (detectors): • None noted • Provide New

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • ALL ELECTRICAL recommendations are safety-related. POTENTIAL worst-case implications include fire and shock hazards. Treat them as high-priority items and assume the time frame is Immediate / As soon as possible unless otherwise noted.

SERVICE DROP AND SERVICE ENTRANCE \ Service drop

Condition: • [Branches / vines interfering with wires](#)

Implication(s): Damage to wire | Electric shock | Interruption of electrical service

Location: Front Exterior

Task: Correct

Time: As Soon As Possible and Ongoing



39. Branches / vines interfering with wires

SERVICE BOX, GROUNDING AND PANEL \ Panel wires

Condition: • White wires connected to breakers not identified as hot/live/ungrounded

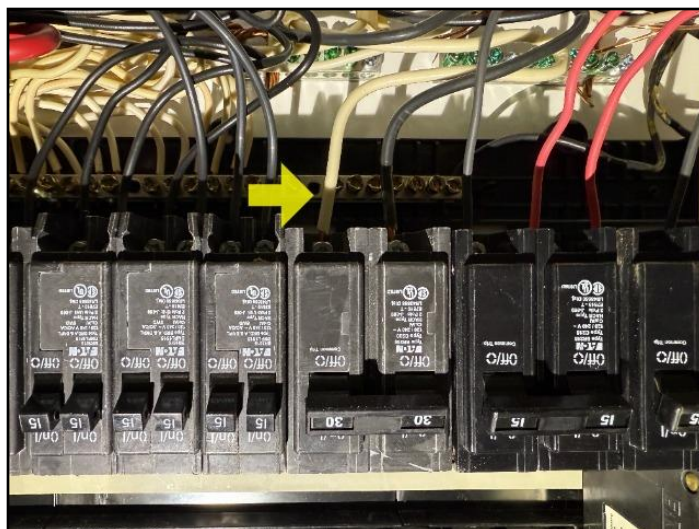
White wire used as hot wire not marked

Location: Basement Panel

Task: Correct

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor



40. White wires connected to breakers not...

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Wiring (wires) - installation

Condition: • [Open splices](#)

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Additionally, wiring is not secured

Implication(s): Electric shock | Fire hazard

Location: Basement Cold Room

Task: Correct

Time: As Soon As Possible

Cost: Minor



41. Open splices

Condition: • [Abandoned wire](#)

Implication(s): Electric shock

Location: Basement furnace room and kitchen

Task: Correct - Remove or provide junction box

Time: Less than 6 months

Cost: Minor



42. Abandoned wire



43. Abandoned wire

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Junction boxes

Condition: • Cover missing

Implication(s): Electric shock, Fire hazard

Location: Basement Furnace Room

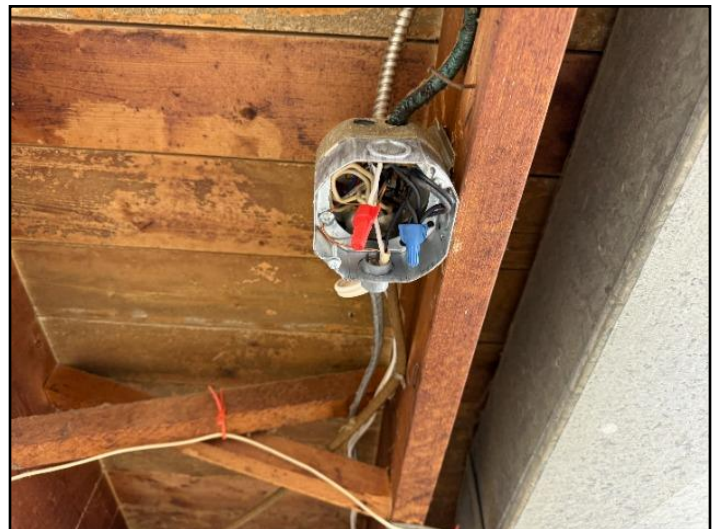
Task: Provide Covers

Time: As Soon As Possible

Cost: Minor



44. Cover missing



45. Cover missing

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) protection not noted at

Condition: • Within 6 ft. of the outer edge of a sink, shower or bathtub

Implication(s): Electric shock

Location: Kitchens and bathrooms

Task: Upgrade to GFI outlets

Time: As Soon As Possible

Cost: Minor

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Lights

Condition: • [Damage](#)

Implication(s): Electric shock | Fire hazard

Location: Garage

Task: Remove

Time: Before using

Cost: Minor



46. Damage

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Smoke alarms (detectors)

Condition: • Old

Implication(s): Life safety hazard

Location: Various

Task: Replace

Time: Immediate

Cost: Minor

Condition: • General safety reminder for ALL homes -

This is a standard note included in every inspection report:

Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors should be installed on every floor level. Smoke detectors should be located near all sleeping areas, and CO detectors should be present near fuel-burning appliances, fireplaces, or attached garages.

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These devices are not tested during the home inspection. Regardless of visible condition, detectors should be tested regularly and replaced every 10 years. If the age is unknown, replacement is recommended as a precaution. Batteries should be changed annually.

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System ground: • Quality of ground not determined

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Descriptions

Heating system type: • [Furnace](#)

Fuel/energy source: • [Gas](#)

Heat distribution: • [Ducts and registers](#)

Approximate capacity: • 69,000 BTU/hr

Efficiency: • [High-efficiency](#)

Approximate age: • [13 years](#)

Typical life expectancy: • Furnace (high efficiency) 15 to 20 years

Main fuel shut off at: • Meter

Fireplace/stove: • None • [Gas fireplace](#)

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • 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: • Condensate tube missing

Location: Basement Furnace Area

Task: Service humidifier and provide condensate tube

Time: Before using

Cost: Minor



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FURNACE \ Ducts, registers and grilles

Condition: • [Disconnected ducts](#)

Return ducting not secured. Entire section loose

Implication(s): Increased heating costs | Reduced comfort

Location: Basement Furnace Area

Task: Correct

Time: As Soon As Possible



48. Disconnected ducts



49. Disconnected ducts

GAS FURNACE \ Mid- and high-efficiency gas furnace

Condition: • [Condensate problems](#)

Various areas of rust and evidence of prior condensate leak noted inside furnace cabinet. Dry at time of inspection. Unknown if issue is resolved, active or intermittent. Have HVAC technician service the unit and check all interior components including heat exchanger for rust.

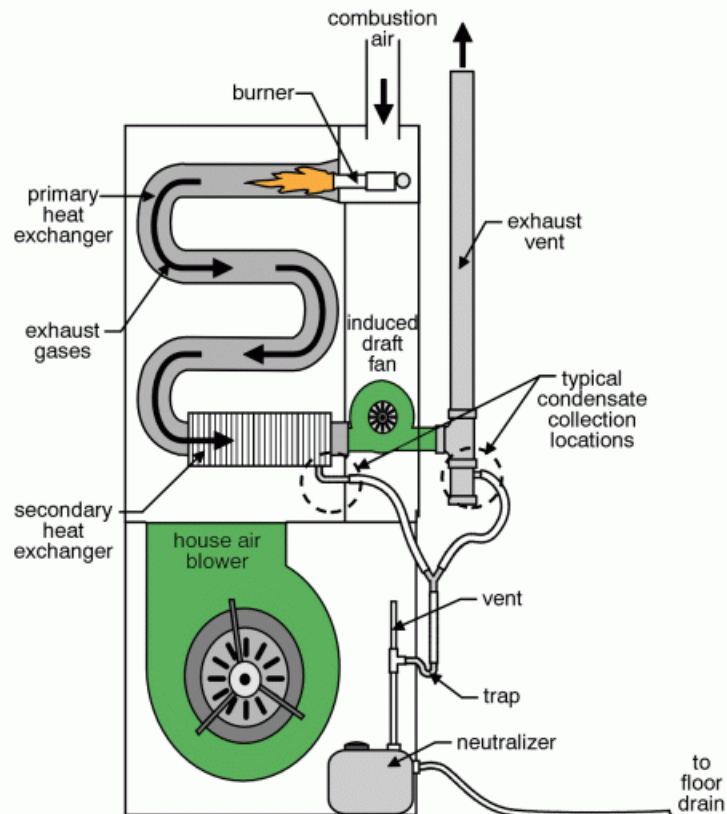
Implication(s): Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents | Reduced system life expectancy

Location: Basement Furnace

Task: Service

Time: Less than 6 months

Condensation in high efficiency furnaces



50. Condensate problems

CHIMNEY AND VENT \ Metal chimney or vent

Condition: • Chimney walls rusting and treated with rust-proof type application

The metal chimney shows signs of prior rusting but appears to have been treated with rust-inhibiting paint to slow further deterioration.

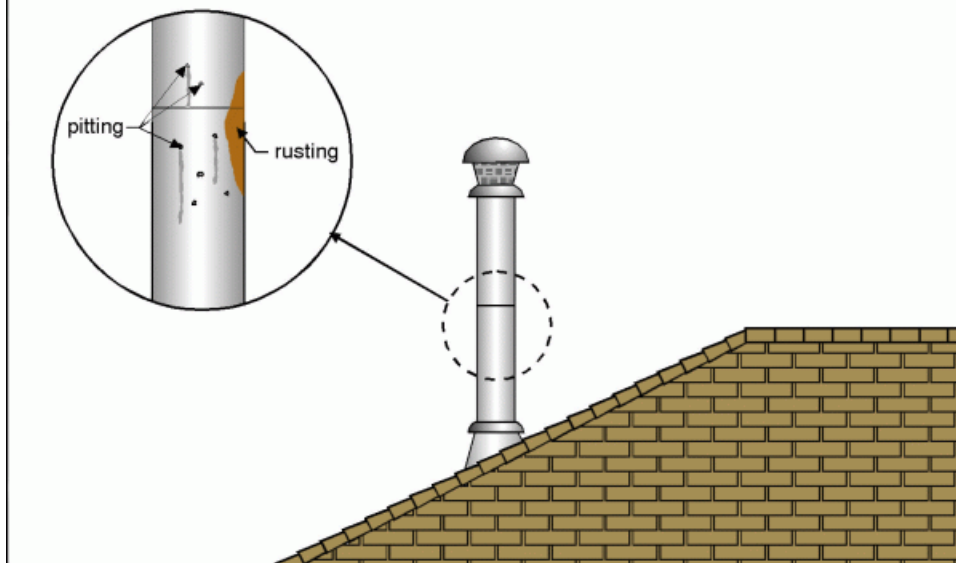
Implication(s): Chance of movement | Hazardous combustion products entering home

Location: Exterior Roof

Task: For your information/Monitor/Improve

Time: Ongoing

Rusting and/or pitting metal chimneys



51. Chimney walls rusting and treated with...

FIREPLACE \ Gas fireplace or gas logs

Condition: • A specialist should inspect the gas fireplace prior to use. These units vary widely by manufacturer and model, each with specific installation and service requirements. We recommend the fireplace be covered under a

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maintenance contract that includes regular service

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: • 10 years

Typical life expectancy: • 10 to 15 years

Observations and Recommendations

AIR CONDITIONING \ Life expectancy

Condition: • [Near end of life expectancy](#)

Typical Life Expectancy for this type of unit is 10-15 years but can often last longer with regular servicing. The current unit is 10 years old and was functional.

Implication(s): Equipment failure | Reduced comfort

Location: Exterior

Task: Replace

Time: When necessary / Unpredictable

Cost: \$3,500 - and up

Inspection Methods and Limitations

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

Descriptions

Attic/roof insulation material:

- [Cellulose](#)

Cellulose fiber blown in over top original Glass fiber



52. cellulose fiber

Attic/roof insulation amount/value: • [R-32](#)

Attic/roof air/vapor barrier: • [Kraft paper](#) • Spot Checked Only

Attic/roof ventilation: • [Roof and soffit vents](#)

Observations and Recommendations

ATTIC/ROOF \ Insulation

Condition: • [Amount less than current standards](#)

Below current standards of R-60 (as of 2016).

Implication(s): Increased heating and cooling costs

Location: Throughout Attics

Task: Upgrade

Time: Discretionary

Cost: \$2000 and up each attic

ATTIC/ROOF \ Hatch/Door

Condition: • [Not weatherstripped](#)

Implication(s): Chance of condensation damage to finishes and/or structure | Increased heating and cooling costs

Location: Attics

Task: Improve

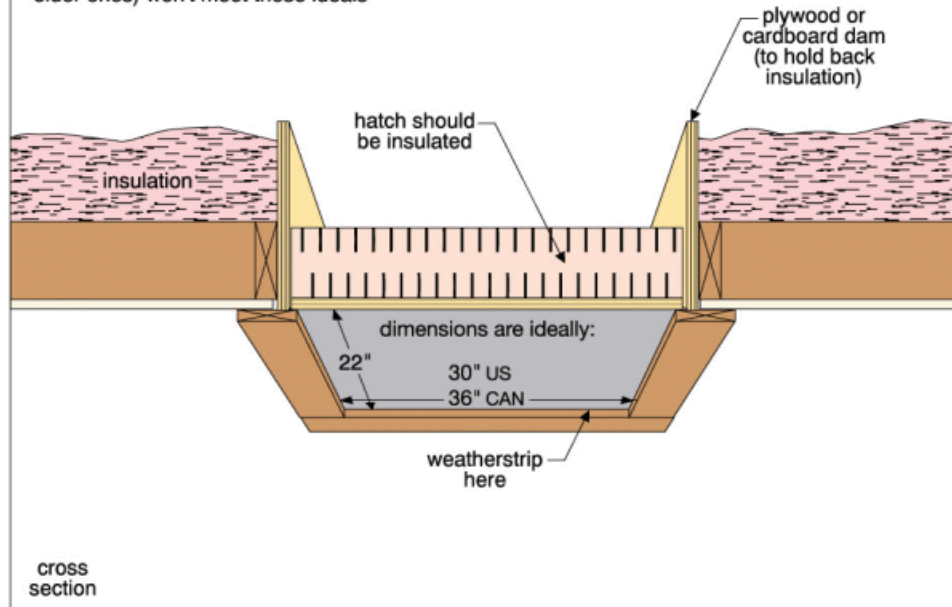
Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor

Attic access hatch

the illustration shows a good attic access hatch design

hatches in many houses (especially older ones) won't meet these ideals



Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by lack of access to: • Walls, which were spot checked only

Attic inspection performed: • From access hatch

Roof ventilation system performance: • Not evaluated

Air/vapor barrier system: • Continuity not verified

Descriptions

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

Supply piping in building: • [Copper](#) • PEX (cross-linked Polyethylene)

Main water shut off valve at the:

- Main water shut off valve - Basement



53. Main water shut off valve - Basement

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

Water heater type: • [Conventional](#)

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

Water heater tank capacity: • 40 US gallons • 151 liters

Water heater approximate age: • 12 years

Water heater typical life expectancy: • 10 to 15 years

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

Floor drain location: • Near water heater

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • All Plumbing issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure, no hot or cold water, leakage, possible hidden damage, health hazards.

GAS SUPPLY \ Gas piping

Condition: • [Inadequate support](#)

Implication(s): Equipment not operating properly | Fire or explosion

Location: Basement Furnace Room

Task: Correct

Time: As Soon As Possible



54. Inadequate support

WATER HEATER \ Life expectancy

Condition: • [Near end of life expectancy](#)

Typical life expectancy is 10-15 years. The current unit is 12 years old

Implication(s): No hot water

Location: Basement Water Heater

Task: Replace

Time: When necessary / Unpredictable

Cost: Rental \$35-\$55 monthly. Purchase \$2000 - and up

WATER HEATER \ Hot/cold piping

Condition: • PEX (cross-linked polyethylene) is connected directly to the water heater. Some water heater manufacturers require that 18" lengths of copper pipe or threaded metal are installed between the water heater and the PEX piping.

Verify with water heater manufacture

Location: Basement Water Heater

Task: Further evaluation / Correct

Time: If necessary



55. PEX (cross-linked polyethylene) is connecte...

WATER HEATER - GAS BURNER AND VENTING \ Venting system

Condition: • [Poor slope](#)

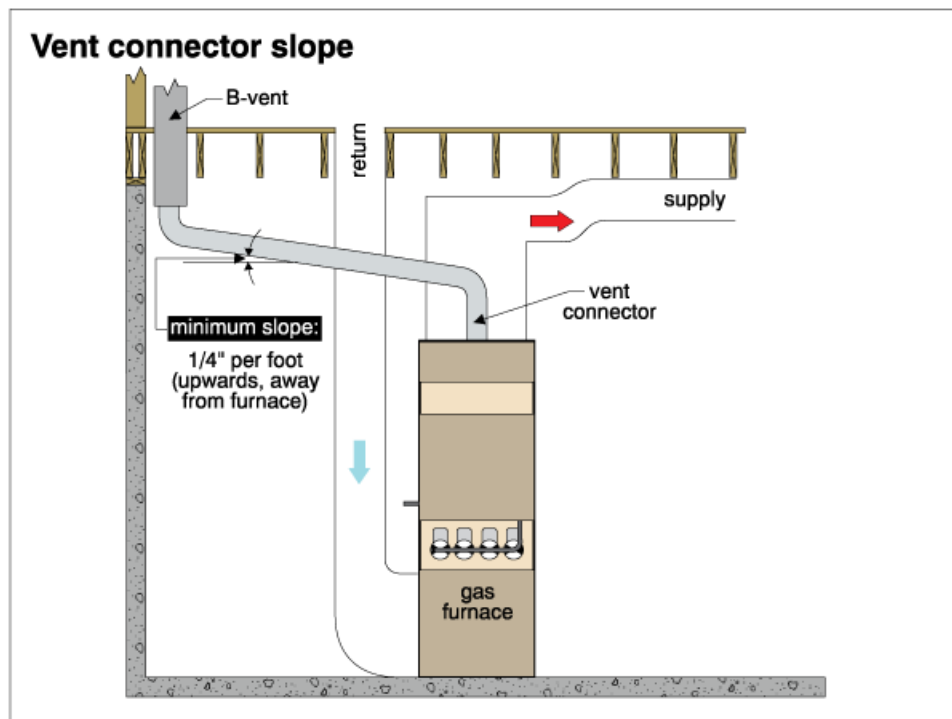
Implication(s): Equipment not operating properly | Hazardous combustion products entering home

Location: Basement Furnace Room

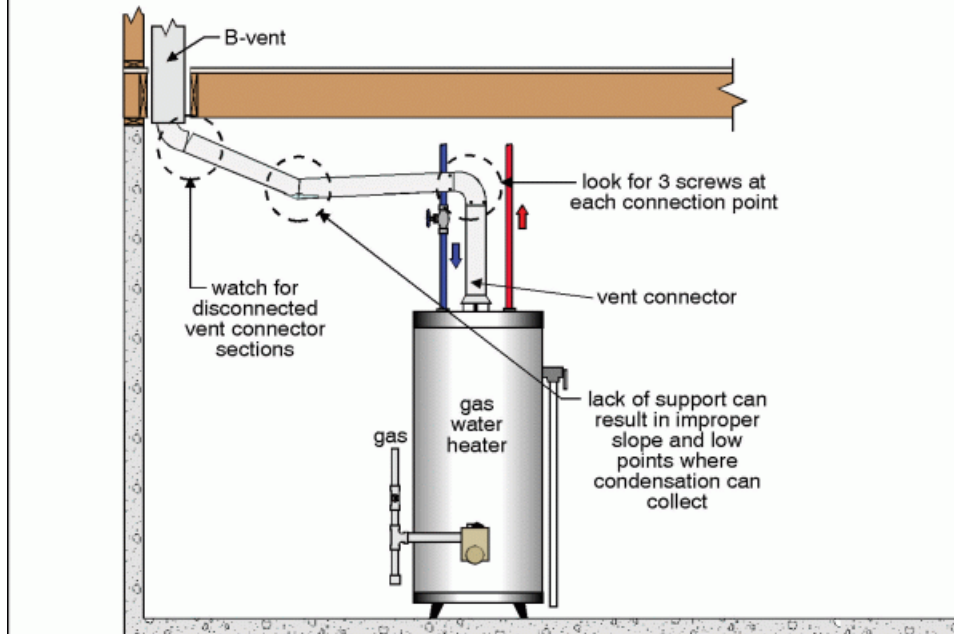
Task: Correct

Time: As Soon As Possible

Cost: Minor



Poor connections



56. Poor slope

WASTE PLUMBING \ Drain piping - performance

Condition: • Sewer backup insurance is recommended for ALL homes

Sewer backup can happen to any home. There are many potential causes and it is prudent for homeowners to have coverage for this.

Condition: • GENERAL RECOMMENDATION FOR ALL HOMES BUILT PRIOR TO 1975 - A videoscan of the waste plumbing is recommended to determine whether there are tree roots or other obstructions, and to look for damaged or collapsed pipe. This is common on older properties, especially where there are mature trees nearby. This is a great precautionary measure, although many homeowners wait until there are problems with the drains. The cost may be

roughly \$200 to \$400, however many companies will rebate the cost if work is to be completed.

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Faucet

Condition: • [Loose](#)

spout is not secured

Implication(s): Equipment failure

Location: Bathroom spout

Task: Secure and seal

Time: Prior to first use



57. Loose

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Basin, sink and laundry tub

Condition: • [Leak](#)

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents | Sewage entering the building

Location: Upper Bathroom

Task: Repair

Time: Before using

Cost: Minor



58. Leak

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Bathtub enclosure

Condition: • [Unprotected window](#)

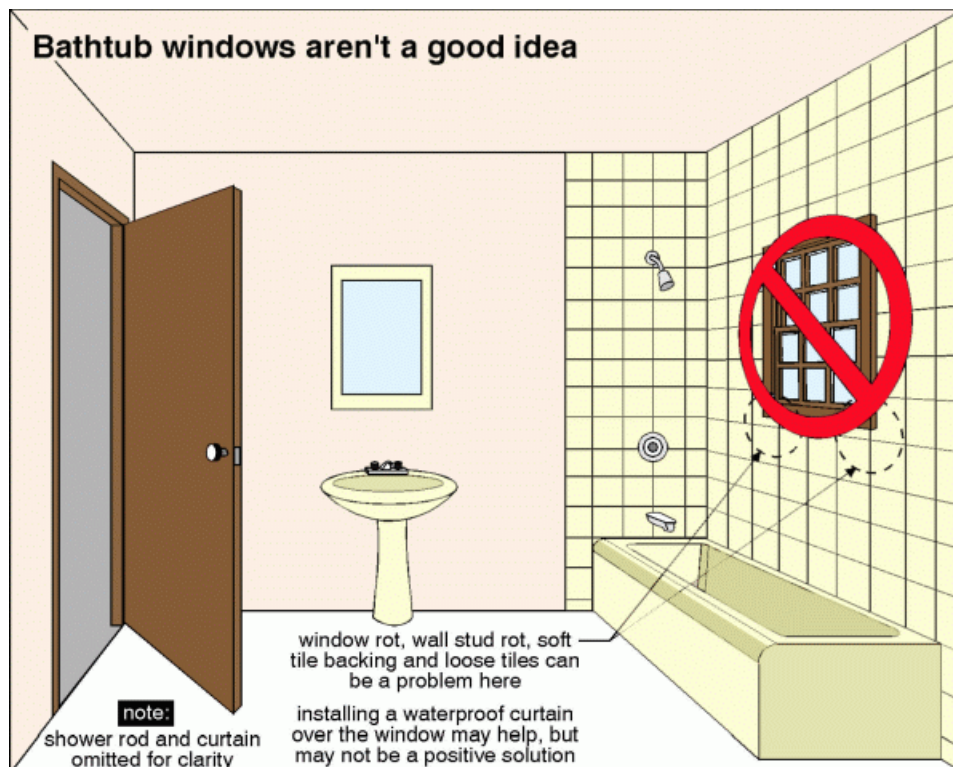
Windows in bathtub area were common when this house was originally built. These windows are vulnerable to water damage. Shower Curtain can provide temporary protection. Ensure grout and caulking are maintained regularly

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

Location: Bathroom

Task: Protect

Time: Ongoing



FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Toilet

Condition: • [Loose](#)

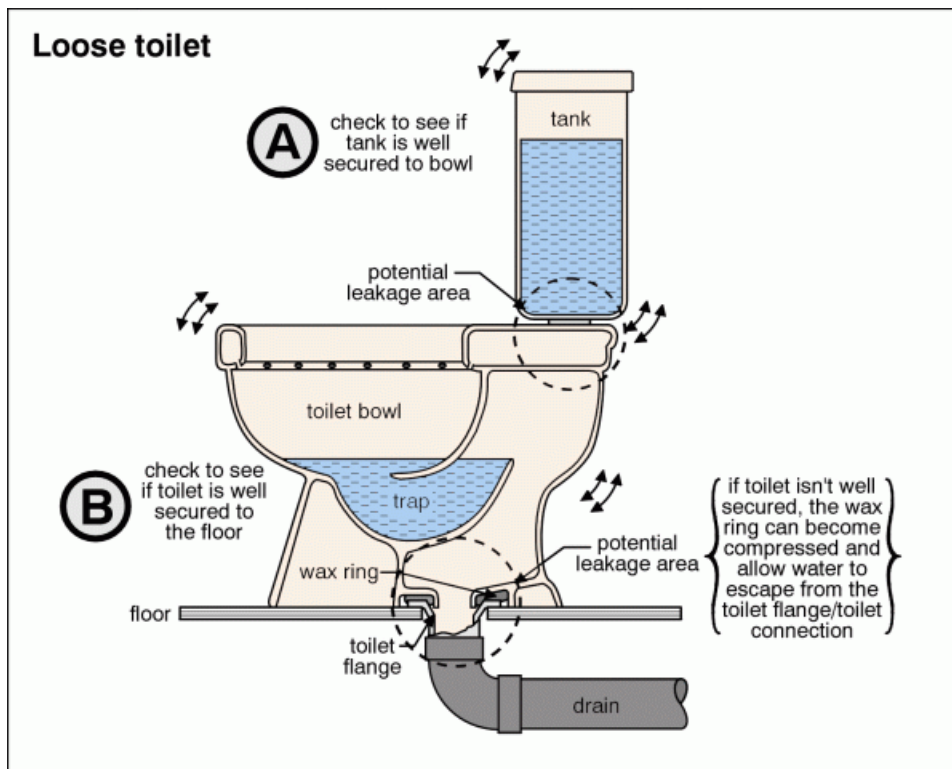
Implication(s): Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents | Sewage entering the building | Possible hidden damage

Location: Upper Bathroom

Task: Correct

Time: As Soon As Possible

Cost: Regular maintenance item



Inspection Methods and Limitations

Items excluded from a building inspection: • Water quality • Isolating/relief valves & main shut-off valve • Concealed plumbing • Tub/sink overflows • Water treatment equipment • Tub and basin overflows are not tested as part of a home inspection. Leakage at the overflows is a common problem.

Descriptions

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

Windows: • [Fixed](#) • [Sliders](#)

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

Exterior doors - type/material: • Hinged

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • All Interior issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications such as damage to contents, structure and/or finishes, and personal safety.

Condition: • OVERALL - Flaws were noted on floors, walls, ceilings, fixtures, and finishes typical of an older home. Renovations are a major expense, highly dependent on personal preferences. The focus of this inspection was to identify defects with major systems and components and does not list every flaw with cosmetics/finishes.

Location: Various

Task: Upgrade

Time: Discretionary

Cost: Too many variables - consult with specialist

WALLS \ General notes

Condition: • Water stains

Various stains noted at basement which are very common in homes of this age. Tested with moisture meter and dry at time of inspection. In general, prudent to monitor for moisture intrusion ongoing

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

Location: Various Basement

Task: Monitor for moisture / water intrusion



59. Water stains

FLOORS \ General notes

Condition: • Worn

Implication(s): Material deterioration

Location: Various hardwood and ceramic areas

Task: Replace

Time: When remodelling or when desired

Cost: Major

FLOORS \ Ceramic tile, stone, marble, etc

Condition: • Tiles cracked

Implication(s): Cosmetic | Trip or fall hazard

Location: Several locations

Task: Replace

Time: When remodelling

Cost: Consult contractor

WINDOWS \ General notes

Condition: • Aging

The windows are old and deteriorated. Additionally the exterior trims/frames are in poor condition. Full replacement (brick to brick) is recommended.

Location: Throughout

Task: Upgrade

Time: As soon as practical

Cost: Major \$60 - \$100 per square foot

WINDOWS \ Glass (glazing)

Condition: • [Cracked](#)

Implication(s): Physical injury

Location: Front First Floor

Task: Replace

Time: As Soon As Possible

Cost: \$300 - \$600



60. Cracked

DOORS \ Hardware

Condition: • [Broken](#)

Door knob only operates when turning one way.

Implication(s): System inoperative or difficult to operate

Location: Front door knob

Task: Replace

Time: Regular maintenance

CARPENTRY \ Cabinets

Condition: • [Stained, worn, damaged](#)

Implication(s): Material deterioration

Location: Various Kitchens

Task: Replace

Time: When remodelling

STAIRS \ Handrails and guards

Condition: • [Missing](#)

Implication(s): Fall hazard

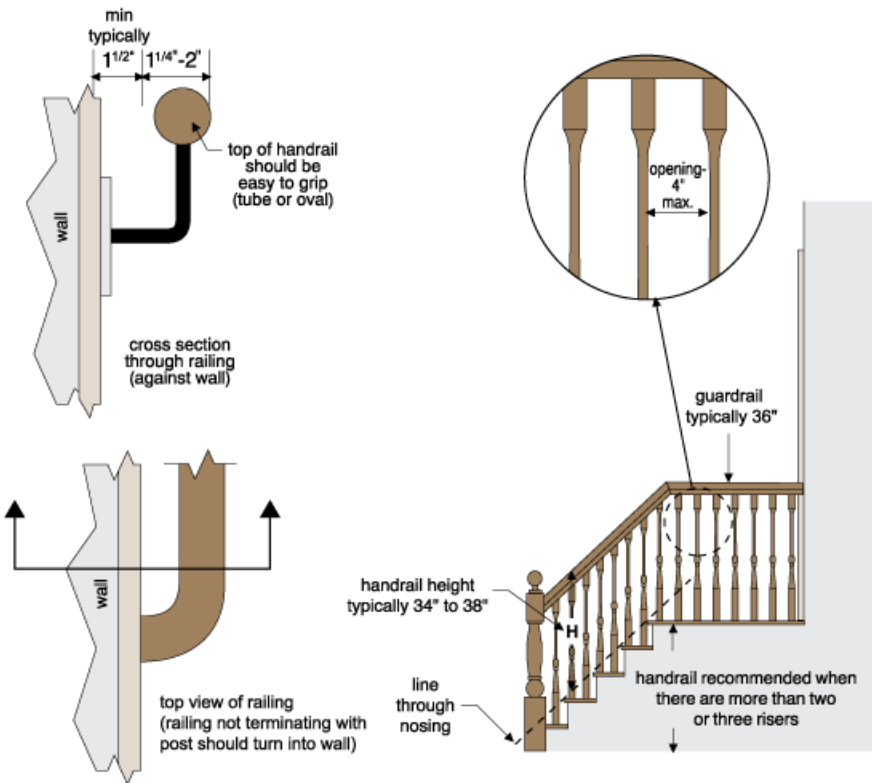
Location: Staircase

Task: Provide Handrail

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor

Handrails and guards



61. Missing

EXHAUST FANS \ Duct

Condition: • [Not insulated in unconditioned space](#)

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

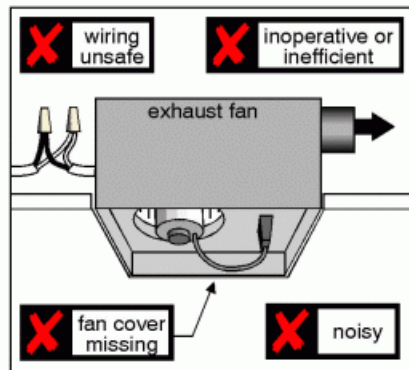
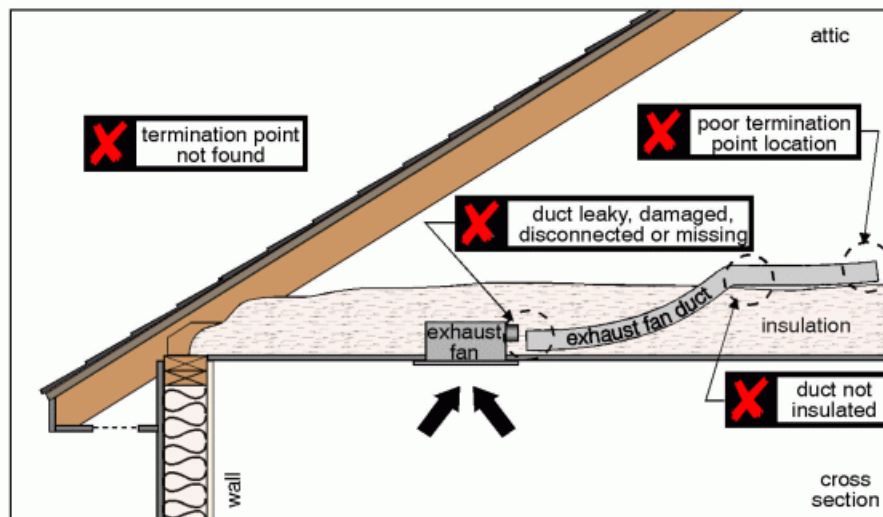
Location: Attic

Task: Correct

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor

Exhaust fan conditions





62. Not insulated in unconditioned space

EXHAUST FANS \ Kitchen range exhaust system (range hood)

Condition: • Not vented to exterior

Venting to the exterior was not standard when home was originally built.

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

Location: First Floor Kitchen

Task: Upgrade

Time: When remodelling

Cost: Depends on work needed

Condition: • Missing

Range hoods are important for fire prevention, as they offer protection to nearby cabinets in the event of pot fires.

Additionally, range hoods are crucial for proper kitchen ventilation, helping to remove smoke, odors, and excess heat.

Implication(s): Hygiene issue

Location: Basement Kitchen

Task: Provide

Time: Prior to first use

Cost: \$750 and up

BASEMENT \ Leakage

Condition: • Almost every basement (and crawlspace) leaks under the right conditions. Based on a one-time visit, it's 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 \$400 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)

Condition: • ***FOR FUTURE REFERENCE*** GENERAL ADVICE FOR ALL HOMES IF BASEMENT LEAKAGE IS EVER OBSERVED

Basement Leakage 4-step method. Almost every basement (and crawlspace) leaks under the right conditions. Based on a one-time visit, it is 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 \$500 to \$600 per crack or \$300 per hole.) 4. As a last resort, dampproof the exterior of the foundation, provide a drainage membrane and add/repair perimeter drainage tile. (High cost)

CRAWLSPACE \ Wet crawlspace - evidence

Condition: • [Water marks](#)

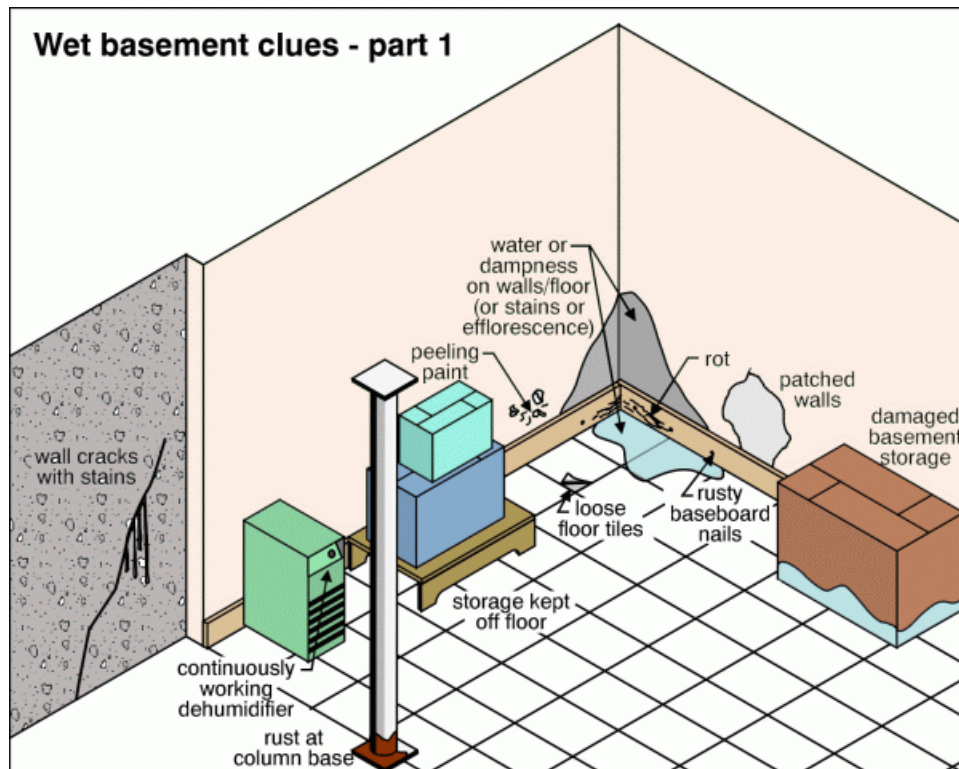
Evidence of prior water stains and efflorescence. It is very common to find stains and efflorescence in crawlspaces. Some have likely been present for decades. Prudent to monitor ongoing and view after heavy rainfalls.

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

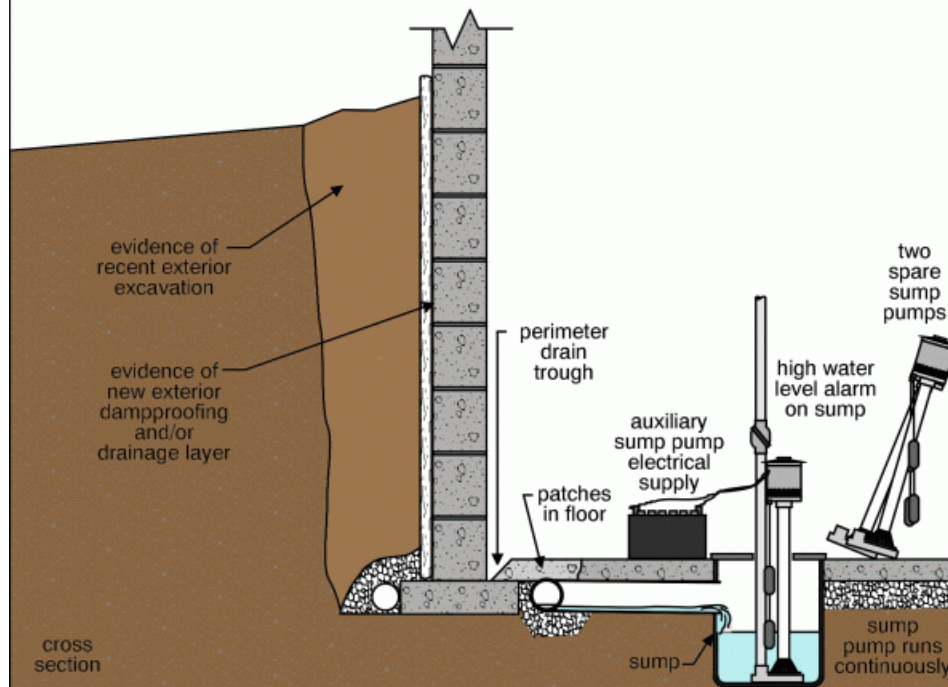
Location: Throughout Crawl Space

Task: Monitor for moisture / water intrusion

Time: Unpredictable / Ongoing



Wet basement clues - part 2



63. Water marks

APPLIANCES \ Oven

Condition: • Gas leak

A strong natural gas odor was present upon entering the home. Investigation determined that a burner on the kitchen gas range was left in the "on" position without flame. The burner was shut off, the house ventilated, and the odour dissipated. Listing agent was notified. While this appears to have been accidental, recommend further evaluation by a licensed HVAC/gas contractor to confirm no other leaks are present.

Implication(s): Fire or explosion

Location: Basement kitchen

Task: Confirm safe operation with HVAC/gas specialist

Time: Immediate/Prior to occupancy

POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS \ General notes

Condition: • Possible asbestos containing materials

In homes of this age, it was common to wrap floor registers and vent penetrations (such as around a water heater or furnace vent passing through ceilings or walls) with insulation to reduce heat transfer. These wraps may contain asbestos; however, confirming asbestos content is outside the scope of a home inspection. Health Canada advises that suspected asbestos materials be left undisturbed. If renovations are planned or if there are concerns, consult a qualified specialist for testing and recommendations.

Implication(s): Health hazard

Location: Various where water heater vent enters ceiling and various heat registers.

Task: Test / Remove if confirmed

Time: Before disturbing material

Cost: \$150 - \$250 per register if asbestos is present



64. Possible asbestos containing materials



65. Possible asbestos containing materials

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 / stipple ceilings, glue, insulation around heating ducts and registers, plaster 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. If you plan to remove/disturb any building material, testing for asbestos is recommended beforehand.

Inspection limited/prevented by: • New finishes/paint

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: • 95 %

Basement leakage: • Storage in basement limited inspection • Basement leakage is common. Most basements will experience leakage at some point. We cannot predict future occurrence or extent of basement leakage • Monitor the basement for leaks in the Spring.

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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. • To manage water drainage around the exterior, ensure that grading (ground) is maintained with a positive slope away from the home and extend any downspouts away from walls and all building components.

Insulation Amounts - Current Standards: • Attic current standards as of 2016 is R-60

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.

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

This inspection was performed in accordance with the most recent CAHPI Standards of Practice. Click the blue link above to view the full document.

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**This is a copy of our home inspection contract and outlines the terms,
limitations and conditions of the home inspection**

THIS CONTRACT LIMITS THE LIABILITY OF THE HOME INSPECTION COMPANY AND INSPECTOR.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

The Inspection of this property is subject to the Limitations and Conditions set out in this Agreement. It is based on a visual examination of the readily accessible features of the building. The Inspection is performed in accordance with the Standards of Practice of the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors. A copy of these Standards is available at <http://www.oahi.com/webdocs/StandardsofPractice-OAHI-Rev.pdf>.

The Home Inspector's report is an opinion of the present condition of the property. The Inspection and report are not a guarantee, warranty or an insurance policy with regards to the property. A Home Inspector cannot predict future deficiencies, intermittent problems or future water leakage.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: Due to the unpredictable nature of basement water leakage, a home inspector cannot predict future basement leakage. Almost all basements will leak at some point so there is a very good chance that it will happen. Basement leakage can occur for any number of reasons - Rainfall, sewer backup, high water tables, lot grading, clogged weeping tiles, gutter and downspout performance, just to name a few. The home inspector and The Inspection Professionals accepts no responsibility or liability for future basement water problems.

The inspection report is for the exclusive use of the client named above. No use of the information by any other party is intended. See item 8 below.

LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF THE HOME INSPECTION

These Limitations and Conditions explain the scope of your Home Inspection. Please read them carefully before signing this Agreement.

The purpose of your Home Inspection is to evaluate the general condition of a property. This includes determining whether systems are still performing their intended functions.

There are limitations to the scope of this Inspection. It provides a general overview of the more obvious repairs that may be needed. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list. The ultimate decision of what to repair or replace is yours. One homeowner may decide that certain conditions require repair or replacement, while another will not.

1. The Home Inspection provides you with a basic overview of the condition of the property. Because your Home Inspector has only a limited amount of time to go through the property, the Inspection is not technically exhaustive. If you have concerns about any of the conditions noted, please consult the text that is referenced in the report.

Some conditions noted, such as foundation cracks or other signs of settling in a house, may either be cosmetic or may indicate a potential structural problem that is beyond the scope of the Home Inspection.

If you are concerned about any conditions noted in the report, we strongly recommend that you consult a qualified licensed contractor or engineering specialist. These professionals can provide a more detailed analysis of any conditions noted in the report at an additional cost.

2. A Home Inspection does not include identifying defects that are hidden behind walls, floors or ceilings. This includes wiring, structure, plumbing and insulation that is hidden or inaccessible.

Some intermittent conditions may not be obvious on a Home Inspection because they only happen under certain circumstances. As an example, your Home Inspector may not discover leaks that occur only during certain weather conditions or when a specific tap or appliance is being used in everyday life.

Home Inspectors will not find conditions that may only be visible when storage or furniture is moved. Inspectors do not remove wall coverings, including wallpaper, or lift flooring, including carpet to look underneath.

A Home Inspection is a sampling exercise with respect to house components that are numerous, such as bricks, windows and electrical receptacles. As a result, some conditions that are visible may go un-reported.

3. The Inspection does not include hazardous materials that may be in or behind the walls, floors or ceilings of the property, whether visible or not. This includes building materials that are now suspected of posing a risk to health such as phenol-formaldehyde and urea-formaldehyde based products, fiberglass insulation and vermiculite insulation. The Inspector does not identify asbestos roofing, siding, wall, ceiling or floor finishes, insulation or fire proofing. We do not look for lead or other toxic metals in such things as pipes, paint or window coverings.

The Inspection does not deal with environmental hazards such as the past use of insecticides, fungicides, herbicide's or pesticides. The Inspector does not look for, or comment on, the past use of chemical termite treatments in or around the property.

4. We are not responsible for and do not comment on the quality of air in a building. The Inspector does not try to determine if there are irritants, pollutants, contaminants, or toxic materials in or around the building. The Inspection does not include spores, fungus, mold or mildew including that which may be concealed behind walls or under floors, for example. You should note that whenever there is water damage, there is a possibility that visible or concealed mold or mildew may be present unseen behind a wall, floor or ceiling.

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If anyone in the home suffers from allergies or heightened sensitivity to quality of air, we strongly recommend that you consult a qualified Environmental Consultant who can test for toxic materials, mold and allergens.

5. Your Home Inspector does not look for, and is not responsible for, fuel oil, septic or gasoline tanks that may be buried on the property. If fuel oil or other storage tanks remain on the property, you may be responsible for their removal and the safe disposal of any contaminated soil. If you suspect there is a buried tank, we strongly recommend that you retain a qualified Environmental Consultant to determine whether this is a potential problem.

6. We will have no liability for any claim or complaint if conditions have been disturbed, altered, repaired, replaced, or otherwise changed before we have had a reasonable period of time to investigate.

7. The Client understands and agrees to be bound by each and every provision of this contract. The Client has the authority to bind any other family members or other interested parties to this Contract.

8. REPORT IS FOR OUR CLIENT ONLY. The inspection report is for the exclusive use of the client named herein. The client may provide the report to prospective buyers, at their own discretion. Potential buyers are required to obtain their own Onsite Review with The Inspection Professionals if they intend to rely on this report. The Inspection Professionals will not be responsible for the use of or reliance upon this Report by any third party without an Onsite Review and transfer of report to client after they have agreed to our inspection agreement.

9. The liability of the Home Inspector (and the Home Inspection Company) arising out of this Inspection and Report, for any cause of action whatsoever, whether in contract or in negligence, is limited to a refund of the fees that you have been charged for this inspection

The links below connect you to a series of documents that will help you understand your home and how it works. These are in addition to links attached to specific items in the report.

Click on any link to read about that system.

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