

SCOPE of the GENERAL HOME INSPECTION

The General Home Inspection is a **non-invasive visual** examination of the home systems and their assessable components. My Inspections adhere to the [Standards of Practice](#) set by the National Association of Certified Home Inspectors.

The following is a partial list of what I inspect during a typical General Home Inspection. I describe each of the home systems and the condition of their major accessible, visible components. A comprehensive report is generated with photos after the onsite review with the client.

- **GROUNDS**

- Site grading and drainage
- Concrete flatwork
- Visible soil movement
- Retaining walls
- Compaction problems

- **EXTERIOR**

- Exterior wall coverings
- Exterior trim, including fascia and soffit
- Moisture penetration/Wood rot

- **FOUNDATION**

- Structural integrity
- Moisture penetration
- Soil movement
- Floor framing



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- **ROOF**

- **Roof covering material**
- **Flashing methods**
- **Drainage system**
- **Skylights**
- **Vents**
- **Chimney cap and visible flue**
- **Cricket**

- **PLUMBING**

- **Visible supply pipes, proper material (condition and support)**
- **Visible drain, waste and vent pipes (proper material, condition and support)**
- **Water heater (Operation, Age and Capacity)**
- **Electrical grounding/bonding of supply pipes**
- **Main gas shut-off identification (photo)**
- **Gas line condition and support**



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- **HEATING**

- **Forced Air Gas and Electric (Boiler and Geothermal or Wood burning systems not Inspected)**
- **Proper operation, Age and Condition**
- **Proper venting and clearances**
- **Fuel and electrical shut-off identification (photos)**

- **AIR CONDITIONING**
 - Proper operation and condition
 - Age of unit and capacity
- **ELECTRICAL System**
 - Service wires, landing connection and meter box
 - Main service and distribution panels
 - Branch wiring
 - Grounding system
 - Switches, Fixtures and Outlets
- **INTERIOR**
 - Windows and Doors
 - Walls, floors and ceilings
 - Interior stairs and handrails
 - Fireplace
 - Firebox
 - Damper and visible flue
 - KITCHEN
 - Sink, under-sink plumbing, and fixtures
 - Cabinets and counter tops
 - Range, disposal, dishwasher and refrigerator



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- **BATHROOMS**

- Toilet, tub and shower
- Sink, sink drains, fixtures and cabinet
- Moisture penetration
- Floors, Walls and Doors
- Heat, A/C and exhaust ventilation

- **ATTIC**

- Roof framing
- Insulation type and thickness
- Evidence of roof leakage
- Adequate attic ventilation
- Visible Electrical and plumbing components

- **GARAGE**

- Garage doors and opener (proper operation)
- Garage walk doors and windows
- Floor condition
- Electrical components



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*Note this is a partial list of the parts of the home we inspect and may or may not reflect every detail we encompass during the process. Any other ancillary inspections that are contracted outside of the General Home Inspection may be not part of this list.