

New Construction Checklist

Exterior Siding, Flashing, & Trim

- Cracks in brick or stone veneer siding.
- Stone veneer siding that's lacking mortar, missing a weep screed, and/or is in contact with the roof surface.
- Fiber cement siding that's lacking sealant.
- Warped or damaged vinyl siding.
- Vinyl siding panels that aren't overlapped at the ends.
- Exposed wooden framing due to missing flashing.
- Missing box trim around outdoor faucets.

Driveway, Sidewalk, & Garage Floor

- Surface cracks.
- Flaking or peeling concrete.

Exterior Grading & Drainage

- Level grade around the home's perimeter.
- Missing downspout extensions or splash blocks.
- Foundation vents located at or below the finished grade.

Decks, Porches, & Patios

- Wooden posts that are improperly fastened to the patio or deck overhang.
- Excessively warped or bowed posts.
- Surface cracks on concrete slabs.

Roof

- Debris on surface (i.e., scrap shingles, flashing materials, nails).
- Missing or improperly installed kickout flashing.
- Inadequate shingle overhang above covered patios.
- Improperly installed shingles near roof penetrations.

Exterior Doors

- Missing, unsecured, or inadequate weatherstripping.
- Unsealed door casings & thresholds.
- Interference between doors and side jambs while closing.
- Misaligned strike plates that prevent the door from latching or locking with the deadbolt.
- Loose or missing hardware.
- Exposed garage door side jambs.

Windows

- Unsealed window frames.
- Missing or poorly fitted glazing beads.
- Cracked glass.
- Damaged tilt latches or sash vent stops.
- Windows that are difficult to open or fully lock.
- Missing screens.

Appliances

- Debris in garbage disposal.
- Missing high loop along dishwasher drain hose.
- Missing dishwasher toe plate.
- Interference between the cabinets and dishwasher door.
- Missing charcoal filters on the microwave.
- Loose built-in cooktop.

Counters & Cabinets

- Unsealed countertops.
- Unsecured side splashes on bathroom vanity tops.
- Interference between cabinet doors while opening/closing.
- Loose cabinet door hardware.

Interior Doors

- Loose or missing hardware.
- Door interference while opening/closing.
- Doors that won't latch or lock properly.
- Material damage.

Interior Walls & Ceilings

- Drywall cracks, nail pops, and separation along seams.
- Missing box trim around the refrigerator & washing machine shutoff valves.
- Bowed walls.

Floors

- Cracked or loose tiles.
- Missing or separated tile grout.
- Missing baseboard or quarter-round moulding.
- Squeaky or springy floors.
- Material damage.

Stairways

- Loose or missing handrail.
- Loose or squeaky stair treads.
- Unsecured baluster shoes.

Plumbing

- Shower head leaks.
- Drain pipe leaks.
- Leaks at water distribution pipe fittings.
- Unsecured distribution pipes in crawl spaces.
- Missing distribution pipe insulation in crawl spaces and garages.
- Unsecured plumbing fixtures.
- Missing or incorrectly sized drain tube for the water heater temperature-pressure relief valve.
- Missing or separated tile grout in showers.
- Low water pressure at whirlpool tub jets.
- Unsecured whirlpool tub motor.
- Unsealed shower door frames.

Electrical

- Missing or cracked light fixture globes.
- Missing light bulbs.
- Exposed and/or loose service ground wire.
- Unlabeled circuit breakers.
- Missing smoke detector batteries.
- Loose receptacles.
- Missing receptacle or light switch cover plates.
- Missing conduit on exposed electrical cables.
- Missing cable clamps or bushings.
- Nuisance tripping of GFCI receptacles or breakers
- Poorly secured electrical cables in crawl spaces.
- Flickering lights.
- Loose Ceiling fans.

Heating & Cooling

- Low heating/cooling efficiency in bonus rooms.
- Poorly sealed ductwork.
- Debris in floor vents (mainly found near tile flooring).
- Condensate drip tubes that terminate next to the home's foundation.
- Dirty air filters.
- Unsecured equipment disconnects and sub-panels.
- Unsealed exterior duct shrouds.
- Missing vent registers.

Insulation & Ventilation

- Missing or unsecured floor, attic, and wall insulation.
- Dryer vent hoods equipped with screens.
- Soffit vents blocked by insulation.
- Bathroom exhaust fans that aren't vented to the home's exterior.

Framing

- Weak rafter and ridge board connections.
- Missing floor joist hangers.

- ___ Improperly sistered rafters.
- ___ Missing rafter collar ties.

Slab Foundations

- ___ Exposed foundation aggregate or rebar.

Crawl space Foundations

- ___ Unsealed wall penetrations.
- ___ Missing positive drain.
- ___ Standing water along foundation walls.
- ___ Missing or incomplete vapor barrier.
- ___ Discarded wood on the crawl space floor.
- ___ Missing or undersized floor girder shims.
- ___ Missing or loose nuts on foundation anchor bolts.
- ___ Concrete block cracks and mortar joint separation.
- ___ Poorly fastened steel columns.
- ___ Column base plates that are in contact with the soil.
- ___ Tilted concrete block piers.
- ___ Poor crawlspace grading.

Basement Foundations

- ___ Unsealed wall penetrations.
- ___ Signs of moisture intrusion or efflorescence along walls.
- ___ Concrete block cracks and mortar joint separation.
- ___ Poorly fastened steel columns.