INSPECTION AT A GLANCE

3026 S 45th St | Milwaukee, WI 53219

Megan Stencel | Inspector Nick Shirley | November 6, 2026



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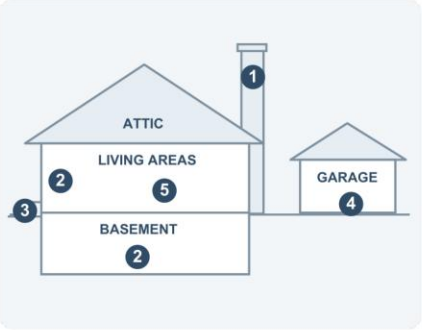
SAFETY	**REPAIR / EVALUATE**	**MONITOR / MAINTAIN**
High front step and electrical hazards	Chimney, garage gutters and window glass	Drainage, garage upkeep and aging A/C

WHERE THE KEY FINDINGS ARE



LOCATION GUIDE ONLY

Not a floor plan or to scale.

1 Chimney and fireplace
2 Electrical safety
3 Front step and walkways
4 Detached garage
5 Living room window

Counts group written findings; repeats counted once. Checklist-only items and inspection limits are excluded. Page numbers include this sheet as page 1.

PRIORITY FINDINGS

1 Chimney and fireplace
The visible flue tile and mortar cap are cracked. Debris fell from the flue when the damper was operated. Have a chimney contractor evaluate both and complete needed repairs.
Repair / Evaluate | Photos 10-11; pp. 10, 20

2 Electrical safety
Have an electrician enclose the basement laundry splices and cover the boxes. Add GFCI protection where missing at exterior house and garage outlets.
Safety | Photos 5, 13; pp. 12, 25

3 Front step and walkways
Settlement left a rise of more than 8 inches from the walk to the first front step. Correct the rise and budget to repair uneven front and side walk slabs. Maintain the mortar joint between the stoop and brick wall.
Safety / Budget | Photos 1-3; p. 8

4 Detached garage
Repair the leaking rear gutter joints and repaint peeling siding. Repair deteriorated siding and seal openings at the wall base. Restore operation of the garage window and install the missing lock.
Repair / Maintain | Photos 6-9; pp. 13-14

5 Living room window
A crack crosses the lower part of the living room window glass. Repair or replace the affected pane.
Repair | Photo 12; p. 19

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO KEEP ON THE RADAR

Exterior drainage
Improve north and south grading as needed. Watch for pooling where the rear patio and south walk slope toward the house. p. 8.

Basement walls
Old stains were visible, with no signs of recent moisture. Finishes and storage limited the view. Photo 14; p. 22.

Aging A/C
Cool weather prevented testing. Confirm the aging A/C operates and budget for replacement. pp. 12, 24.

Plumbing
The dishwasher drain lacks an air gap. Shelving blocked access to the main water line. pp. 15, 23.

Attic access
Finished rooms and insulation concealed most attic framing. p. 21

For convenience only - review the full inspection report for all findings, comments and recommendations.



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REPORT OVERVIEW

THE HOUSE IN PERSPECTIVE

This home is 50+ years old and appears to have been relatively well maintained.

CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

SATISFACTORY - Indicates the component is functionally consistent with its original purpose but may show signs of normal wear and tear and deterioration.

MARGINAL - Indicates the component will probably require repair or replacement anytime within five years.

POOR - Indicates the component will need repair or replacement now or in the very near future.

DEFECT - A condition of an improvement that would significantly impair the health or safety of future occupants of a property or that, if not repaired, or replaced, would significantly shorten or adversely affect the expected normal life of the component of the improvement.

SAFETY HAZARD - Denotes a condition that is unsafe and in need of prompt attention.

THE SCOPE OF THE INSPECTION

All components designated for inspection in the ASHI® Standards of Practice are inspected, except as may be noted in the "Limitations of Inspection" sections within this report.

It is the goal of the inspection to put a home buyer in a better position to make a buying decision. Not all improvements will be identified during this inspection. Unexpected repairs should still be anticipated. The inspection should not be considered a guarantee or warranty of any kind.

Please refer to the pre-inspection contract for a full explanation of the scope of the inspection.

BUILDING DATA

Approximate Age:	1941
Style:	Single Family
Main Entrance Faces:	West
State of Occupancy:	Occupied
Weather Conditions:	Sunny: Temperature 50-55F
Recent Rain:	No
Ground cover:	Dry

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SUMMARY

DEFECTS

A condition of an improvement that would significantly impair the health or safety of future occupants of a property or that, if not repaired, or replaced, would significantly shorten or adversely affect the expected normal life of the component of the improvement.

The chimney is recommended to be reviewed and repaired as necessary by a qualified chimney contractor:

- The fireplace flue tile is visibly cracked, and substantial debris fell from the flue when the damper was operated. The chimney mortar cap has a few visible cracks. Have a qualified chimney contractor evaluate and repair as needed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE REPAIRED

Item(s) that have failed or have potential of failing soon.

Garage items recommended to be repaired as necessary by a qualified contractor:

- Rear garage gutter corner joints are leaking. Repair.

Windows items recommended to be repaired as necessary by a qualified contractor:

- Living room window glass is cracked near the lower middle portion on the interior. Repair or replace the affected pane.

Exterior landscaping or grading items recommended to be repaired as necessary by a qualified contractor:

- Rear patio brick near the basement window and walkway slabs near the south side entry slope slightly toward the house. Monitor drainage and correct the slope if water pools near the foundation.

POTENTIAL SAFETY DEFECTS

Exterior landscaping or grading items recommended to be repaired as necessary by a qualified contractor:

- Settlement near the front entry step has increased the rise from the walkway to the first tread beyond the recommended 8-inch height. Recommend repair.

Electrical items recommended to be repaired as necessary by a qualified electrician:

- Install GFCI protection at exterior house and garage receptacles where missing.
- Multiple ceiling-mounted junction boxes in the basement laundry room lack covers, exposing wiring. Have a qualified electrician install proper covers and repair splices if needed.

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE ITEMS

Items that have reached or are reaching their normal life expectancy or show indications that they may require repair or replacement anytime during the next five (5) years.

- The AC system (2007 Condensing unit / 2010 Air handler)

Exterior items recommended to be monitored or budgeted for repairs:

- Settled, displaced front and side entry walkway slabs may pose trip hazards. Budget for repair or replacement.
- Mortar was added between the brick siding and front stoop. Maintain a moisture-resistant seal and monitor deterioration.
- North and south-side grading is flat or slopes toward the house. Monitor drainage and add backfill as needed.
- Keep trees trimmed clear of the rear corner of the house.

Garage items in need of maintenance repairs or to budget for future repairs:

- The garage window is inoperable and lacks locking hardware. Repair.
- Seal holes near the garage wall bottom plates to prevent moisture and rodent entry.
- Garage siding is aging, with peeling paint and minor deterioration throughout. Complete maintenance repairs and budget for replacement as needed.

* Items listed in this report may inadvertently have been left off the Summary Sheet. Customer should read the entire report, including the Remarks.

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Photo Summary



Photo 1: Settled walk leaves a high first step.



Photo 2: Mortar patch at the front stoop joint.



Photo 3: Uneven slabs at the south entry.



Photo 4: Patio slopes toward the basement window.



Photo 5: Add GFCI protection to exterior outlets where needed.



Photo 6: Peeling paint on the garage siding. Siding is older. Maintain as necessary.

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Photo 7: Leakage at the rear garage gutter joint.



Photo 8: Openings along the garage bottom plate on the west wall area.



Photo 9: Garage window lacks locking hardware.



Photo 10: Crack in the clay fireplace flue tile.



Photo 11: Cracks in the chimney mortar cap.



Photo 12: Cracked living room window glass.

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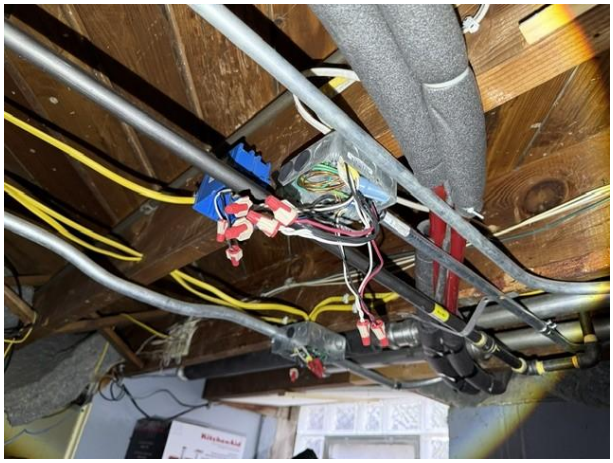

Photo 13: Uncovered junction boxes in the laundry.



Photo 14: Old discoloration on the basement wall.

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GROUNDS

SERVICE WALKS

Material: ☑ Concrete
Observation: ☑ ***Settling Cracks*** / ***Pitched towards home*** **(See remarks)**
Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☑ Marginal ☐ Poor ☐ ***Trip hazard***

DRIVEWAY/PARKING

☑ N/A

STOOPS/STEPS

Material: ☑ Concrete
Observation: ☑ ***Uneven risers***
Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor ☑ ***Safety Hazard***

PATIO

Material: ☑ Brick
Observation: ☑ ***Pitched towards home*** **(See remarks)**
Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☑ Marginal ☐ Poor

LANDSCAPING AFFECTING FOUNDATION

(See remarks)

Negative Grade: ☐ East ☐ West ☑ North ☑ South ☐ Satisfactory
☑ ***Recommend additional backfill*** ☐ ***Recommend window wells/covers*** ☑ ***Trim back trees/shrubberies***

HOSE BIBS

☑ No anti-siphon valve ☐ **Recommend Anti-siphon valve**
Operable: ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not tested due to exterior temperature

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ROOF VISIBILITY ☑ All ☐ Partial ☐ None ☐ Limited by:

INSPECTED FROM ☐ Roof ☐ Ladder at eaves ☐ Ground (*Inspection Limited*) ☑ With Binoculars

STYLE OF ROOF

Type: ☑ Gable
Pitch: ☑ Steep

Roof #1 Type: Asphalt -Dimensional Layers: 1+

VENTILATION SYSTEM

Type: ☑ Soffit ☑ Roof
Ventilation Appears to be adequate: ☑ Yes ☐ No **(See interior remarks)**

FLASHING

Material: ☐ Not visible ☑ Galv/Alum ☑ Rubber ☑ Lead
Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend Repair***

VALLEYS

Material: ☐ Not Visible ☑ Galv/Alum
Condition: ☐ Not visible ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend Repair***

SKYLIGHTS

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor

PLUMBING VENTS

Material: ☐ Not visible ☑ Galv/Alum
Condition: ☐ Not visible ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend Repair***

CONDITION OF ROOF COVERINGS **Roof #1:** ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend Review***

Observation: ☐ Curling ☐ Cracking ☐ Granules missing ☐ Broken Shingles ☐ Moss buildup
☐ Nail popping ☐ Exposed felt ☐ Cupping ☐ Missing Tabs/Shingles/Tiles/Improper Nailing
☐ ***Recommend roofer evaluate*** ☐ ***Evidence of Leakage***

Conditions reported above reflect visible portion only. See additional Comments

GENERAL COMMENTS

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EXTERIOR

1.)TRIM 2.)SOFFIT 3.)FASCIA 4.)FLASHING

Material: ☑ Wood ☑ Aluminum/Steel ☑ Recommend painting

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend repair***

GUTTERS/SCUPPERS/EAVESTROUGH

Material: ☑ Galvanized/Aluminum

Observation: ☑ ***Gutters need to be cleaned***

Extension needed: ☐ North ☐ South ☐ East ☐ West

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend repair/replacement of damaged sections***

SIDING

Material: ☑ Metal/Vinyl ☑ Brick

Observation: ☐ Wood Deterioration ☐ Loose attachment ☐ Missing Pieces ☐ Holes
☐ Recommend Re-painting ☐ Typical Cracks ☐ Cupping

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend Review/Repair***

CHIMNEY(S)

Location(s): South side **Viewed From:** ☐ Roof ☐ Ladder ☑ Ground/Binoculars

Chase Material: ☑ Brick
Flue Material: ☑ Tile ☑ Metal

Chase Condition: ☐ No Rain Cap ☑ Cracked Cap ☑ Missing or Cracking Mortar Joints
☐ Rusting Metal ☐ Loose/Spalling Brick ☐ ***Recommend Cricket/Saddle/Flashing***

Flue Condition: ☑ ***Cracked Tiles*** ☑ ***Not Evaluated (see remarks)***

Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☐ ***Monitor*** ☑ ***Recommend Review/Repair***

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EXTERIOR

WINDOWS

Material: ☑ Wood ☑ Glass Block ☑ Vinyl

Observation: ☐ ***Wood Deterioration*** ☐ ***Failed/fogged insulated glass*** ☐ ***Cracked/damaged Glass***
☐ Recommend Re-painting ☐ Glazing Compound/Caulk needed

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend repair***

SCREENS

Material: ☐ Wood ☑ Metal

Observation: ☐ *Torn Screens* ☐ *Bent Screens*

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend repair***

STORMS WINDOWS

Material: ☐ Wood ☐ Metal ☑ Not Installed

Observation: ☐ *Wood Rot* ☐ *Broken/Cracked*
☐ *Need Painting* ☐ *Recommend caulking or Glazing*

Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend repair***

EXTERIOR DOORS

Material: ☑ Wood ☑ Metal

Observation: ☐ *Rusted* ☐ *Rotting* ☐ *Need Painting* ☐ *Missing or damaged weatherstripping*

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend repair***

CAULKING

Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☑ Marginal ☐ Poor
☑ ***Recommend caulking around windows/doors/masonry ledges/corners/utility penetrations***

GENERAL COMMENTS

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EXTERIOR

SERVICE ENTRY

Incoming Power Lines: ☐ Underground ☑ Overhead ☐ ***Weather head/mast needs repair*** ☐ ***Overhead wires too low***

EXTERIOR ELECTRICAL

Exterior receptacles: ☑ Yes

Exterior Lights: ☑ Operable

Observations: ☑ No GFCI protection ☐ ***Ungrounded Outlets*** ☐ ***Reverse Polarity***

Overall Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☑ Marginal ☑ ***GFCI Recommended***

BUILDING(S) EXTERIOR WALL CONSTRUCTION

Type: Not visible but likely: ☑ Framed ☐ Masonry

Condition: ☑ Not visible

SLAB-ON-GRADE/FOUNDATION WALL

Foundation Wall: ☐ Concrete block ☐ Poured concrete ☑ Not visible

Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Monitor ☐ Have Evaluated

Concrete Slab: ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Monitor ☐ Have Evaluated

Condition reported above reflect visible portion only.

EXTERIOR A/C - HEAT PUMP

UNIT #1: ☐ N/A **Location:** Rear Brand: RUUD

Approximate age: 2007 Serial #: 7387M220711161

Outside Disconnect Installed: ☑ Yes ☐ No Maximum fuse/breaker rating: 40 Amp

Fuses/breakers installed: ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ ***Improperly sized fuses/breakers***

Unit Condition: ☐ Not Level ☐ Rusted Housing ☐ Fins Need Cleaning ☐ Fins Damaged ☐ Improper clearance or Air flow ☐ Missing Insulation on AC Lines

Overall Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☑ Marginal ☑ ***R410 A refrigerant***

GENERAL COMMENTS

AC unit items recommended to be monitored or budgeted for future repairs:

- AC system is aging (2007) The unit was not operated due to exterior temperatures below 60F during the inspection a well as overnight before the inspection. Confirm proper operation with the owner.

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GARAGE/CARPORT

TYPE

☐ Attached ☑ Detached ☐ 1-car ☐ 2-car ☐ 3-car ☐ 4-car

GUTTERS / EAVESTROUGH

Material: ☑ Metal

Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☑ ***Recommend Repair***

SIDING / TRIM

Siding: ☑ Wood

Trim: ☑ Wood

Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☑ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend Repair***

WINDOWS

Material: ☑ Wood

Observation: ☐ ***Wood Deterioration*** ☐ ***Failed/fogged insulated glass*** ☐ ***Cracked/damaged Glass***
☐ Recommend Re-painting ☑ Glazing Compound/Caulk needed

Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☑ ***Recommend repair***

EXTERIOR DOORS

Material: ☐ Wood ☑ Metal ☐ Not Installed

Observation: ☐ *Rusted* ☐ *Rotting* ☐ *Needs Painting* ☐ *Missing or damaged weatherstripping*

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend repair***

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Garage items in need of maintenance repairs or to budget for future repairs:

- The garage window is inoperable and lacks locking hardware. Repair.
- Seal holes near the garage wall bottom plates to prevent moisture and rodent entry.
- Garage siding is aging, with peeling paint and minor deterioration throughout. Complete maintenance repairs and budget for replacement as needed.

Garage items recommended to be repaired as necessary by a qualified contractor:

- Rear garage gutter corner joints are leaking. Repair.

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GARAGE/CARPORT

AUTOMATIC OPENER

Installed: ☑ Yes ☐ No **Operable:** ☑ Yes ☐ No

Photo eyes: ☑ Yes ☐ No **Operable:** ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ ***Safety hazard(s)***

Safety Reverse: ☑ Yes ☐ No **Operable:** ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ ***Safety hazard(s)***

FLOOR

Material: ☑ Concrete

Observation: ☑ *Typical Cracks* ☐ *Large Settling Cracks*

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend evaluation/repair***

SILL PLATES

Location: ☑ Floor Level

Observation: ☐ *Rotted* ☑ *Cracked or Damaged*

Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☑ ***Recommend evaluation/repair***

GARAGE DOOR(S)

Material: ☐ Wood ☑ Metal

Observation: ☐ ***Overhead door hardware loose*** ☐ ***Recommend Priming/Painting Inside & Edges***
☐ ***Weatherstripping missing/damaged*** ☐ ***Rusted springs*** ☐ ***Rust/Holes/Damage in the panels***

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend repair***

ELECTRICAL

Receptacles: ☑ Yes ☐ Not Visible or Not Present

Observations: ☐ No GFCI protection ☐ ***Ungrounded Outlets*** ☐ ***Reverse Polarity***

Overall Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend Review by a qualified electrician***

GENERAL COMMENTS

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COUNTERTOPS ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend repair/caulking***

CABINETS ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Recommend repair/adjustment***

PLUMBING COMMENTS

Faucet Leaks: ☐ Yes ☑ No
Pipes leak/corroded: ☐ Yes ☑ No
Sink/Faucet: ☑ Satisfactory
Functional Drainage: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor
Functional Flow: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor

WALLS & CEILING

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor ☑ Typical cracks ☐ ***Moisture stains***
Heat source present: ☑ Yes ☐ No

FLOOR **Condition:** ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor ☐ Sloping ☐ Squeaks

WINDOWS

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor

APPLIANCES ***Appliances are tested for functional operation only. A complete inspection was not performed. (See remarks page)***

☑ Disposal	*Operable*:	☑ Yes	☐ No	☑ Microwave	*Operable*:	☑ Yes	☐ No
☑ Oven	*Operable*:	☑ Yes	☐ No	☑ Exhaust Fan	*Operable*:	☑ Yes	☐ No
☑ Range	*Operable*:	☑ Yes	☐ No	☑ Refrigerator	*Operable*:	☑ Yes	☐ No
☑ Dishwasher	*Operable*:	☑ Yes	☐ No				

Dishwasher Air Gap Present: ☐ Yes ☑ Not Visible/Present
Receptacles Present: ☑ Yes ☐ No Operable: ☑ Yes ☐ No
GFCI: ☑ Yes ☐ No Operable: ☑ Yes ☐ No
Open ground/Reverse polarity: ☐ Yes ☑ No ☐ ***Potential Safety hazard(s)***

GENERAL COMMENTS

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LAUNDRY

Laundry sink: ☑ Yes

Faucet leaks: ☐ Yes ☑ No

Pipes leak: ☐ Yes ☑ No

Cross connections: ☐ Yes ☑ No

Heat source present: ☐ Yes ☑ No

Room vented: ☑ Yes ☐ No

Dryer vented: ☑ Wall

Electrical: **Open ground/Reverse polarity:** ☐ Yes ☑ No ☐ *Potential Safety hazard(s)*

GFCI present: ☑ Yes ☐ No **Operable:** ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ *Safety hazard*

Appliances: ☑ Washer ☑ Dryer

Washer hook-up lines/valves: ☐ Leaking ☐ Corroded ☐ Not visible

Gas Shut-off Valve: ☑ Yes ☐ Cap Needed ☐ *Safety hazard*

GENERAL COMMENTS

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UPPER FLOOR BATH

Sinks: **Faucet leaks:** ☐ Yes ☑ No **Pipes leak:** ☐ Yes ☑ No

Showers: **Faucet leaks:** ☐ Yes ☑ No **Pipes leak:** ☐ Yes ☑ Not Visible

Toilet: **Bowl loose:** ☐ Yes ☑ No **Operable:** ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ Cracked bowl ☐ Toilet leaks

Shower/Tub area: ☑ Ceramic/Plastic ☐ Fiberglass

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor ☐ Rotted floors ☐ Caulk or Grout Needed

Drainage: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor

Water flow: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor

Moisture stains present: ☐ Yes ☑ No ☐ Walls ☐ Ceilings ☐ Cabinets

Receptacles Present: ☑ Yes ☐ No **Operable:** ☑ Yes ☐ No

GFCI: ☑ Yes ☐ No **Operable:** ☑ Yes ☐ No

Open ground/Reverse polarity: ☐ Yes ☑ No ☐ ***Potential Safety hazard(s)*** ***(See remarks)***

Heat source present: ☑ Yes ☐ No

Window/doors: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor ☐ Cracked ☐ Evidence of leaking insulated glass

Exhaust fan: ☑ Yes ☐ No **Operable:** ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ Noisy

GENERAL COMMENTS

MAIN FLOOR BATH

Sinks: **Faucet leaks:** ☐ Yes ☑ No **Pipes leak:** ☐ Yes ☑ No

Tubs: **Faucet leaks:** ☐ Yes ☑ No **Pipes leak:** ☐ Yes ☑ Not Visible

Showers: **Faucet leaks:** ☐ Yes ☑ No **Pipes leak:** ☐ Yes ☑ Not Visible

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Exhaust fan: ☑ Yes ☐ No **Operable:** ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ Noisy

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BATHROOM(S)

BASEMENT FLOOR BATH

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BEDROOMS

Number of bedrooms: 4 bedrooms

Walls & Ceilings Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor
Observations: ☑ Typical Cracks ☐ Damage/Holes ☐ ***Moisture Stains***

Flooring Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor
Observations: ☑ Slopes ☑ Squeaks ☐ ***Damage***

Electrical: **Open ground/Reverse polarity:** ☐ Yes ☑ No ☐ ***Safety Hazard***

Switches: ☑ Yes ☐ No **Receptacles:** ☑ Yes ☐ No **Operable:** ☑ Yes ☐ No

Heating Source Present: ☑ Yes ☐ Not visible

LIVING SPACES

Living Spaces: Living/Dining/Basement

Walls & Ceilings Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor
Observations: ☑ Typical Cracks ☐ Damage/Holes ☐ ***Moisture Stains***

Flooring Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor
Observations: ☑ Slopes ☑ Squeaks ☐ ***Damage***

Electrical: **Open ground/Reverse polarity:** ☐ Yes ☑ No ☐ ***Safety Hazard***

Switches: ☑ Yes ☐ No **Receptacles:** ☑ Yes ☐ No **Operable:** ☑ Yes ☐ No

Heating Source Present: ☑ Yes ☐ Not visible

INTERIOR WINDOWS / GLASS

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor ☐ ***Recommend Repair***

☑ Representative number of windows in the home operated
☐ Painted shut ***(See remarks)*** ☑ Glazing compound needed ☐ Hardware missing
☑ ***Cracked Glass*** ☐ ***Broken counter-balance mechanism***
☐ **Evidence of Leaking Insulated Glass**

GENERAL COMMENTS

Windows items recommended to be repaired as necessary by a qualified contractor:

- Living room window glass is cracked near the lower middle portion on the interior. Repair or replace the affected pane.

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INTERIOR

FIREPLACE
Location(s): Living room

Type: ☑ Wood
Material: ☑ Masonry

Mantel: ☑ Secure ☐ Loose

Condition:
☐ ***Damper Not Operable/ Missing*** ☐ ***Open joints or cracks in firebrick/panels should be sealed***
☐ ***Fireplace doors need repair*** ☐ ***Fireplace doors need repair***
☐ ***Hearth Extension is not Adequate***
☐ ***Creosote Buildup Visible*** ☐ ***Damper not Modified for Gas Operation***

Physical Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☑ ***Recommend having flue cleaned and re-examined***

Conditions reported above reflect visible portion only. See additional Comments

INTERIOR STAIRWELLS/STEPS

Risers/Treads:	☑ Satisfactory	☐ Marginal	☐ Poor
Handrail:	☑ Satisfactory	☐ Marginal	☐ Poor
Headroom:	☑ Satisfactory	☐ Marginal	☐ Poor

BASEMENT STAIRWELL/STEPS

Risers/Treads:	☑ Satisfactory	☐ Marginal	☐ Poor
Handrail:	☑ Satisfactory	☐ Marginal	☐ Poor
Headroom:	☑ Satisfactory	☐ Marginal	☐ Poor

SMOKE / CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS *(See remarks)*

Smoke Detector Present:	☑ Yes	☐ No	**Operable:**	☑ Yes	☐ No	☐ Not tested
CO Detector Present:	☑ Yes	☐ No	**Operable:**	☑ Yes	☐ No	☐ Not tested

GENERAL COMMENTS

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INTERIOR

ATTIC STRUCTURE/ACCESS

Access: ☑ Scuttle hole/Hatch ☑ *No access*

Location: ☑ Bedroom **Inspected From:** ☑ Access panel ☐ In the attic

Roof Structure: ☑ Rafters ☑ Knee Wall

Ceiling Joists: ☑ Wood ☐ Metal ☑ Not visible

Sheathing: ☐ Plywood ☐ OSB ☑ Not visible

Observation: ☐ *Rotting Sheathing* ☐ *Delaminated Sheath* ☐ *Stained sheathing*

Evidence of Condensation/Moisture Leaking: ☐ Yes ☐ No *(See remarks)*

Roof Structure Potential Issues Observed: ☐ Yes ☐ *Recommend Review or Repair*

ATTIC INSULATION

Insulation Type: ☑ Fiber glass ☑ Batts

Installed In: ☑ Walls ☑ Between ceiling joists ☑ Underside of Roof Deck

Insulation Depth: ☐ 12"+ ☑ 3-6"+

Observation: ☐ *Damaged/Missing* ☐ *Compressed or Displaced*
☐ *Baffles Recommended* ☐ *Additional Insulation recommended*

Vapor Barriers: ☑ Kraft/foil faced ☐ Plastic ☐ Not visible ☐ *Improperly Installed*

ATTIC VENTILATION

Ventilation Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor ☐ *Recommend Repair*

Condition: ☐ *Bath fans exhausted to Attic* ☐ *Bath fans Not Visible*
☐ *Soffit Vents Blocked* ☐ *Additional Venting Recommended*
☐ *Stained Sheathing (Possible Microbial Substance)*

ATTIC MISCELLANEOUS

HVAC Duct: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ *Damaged*

Chimney Chase: ☑ Not visible

Electrical: ☐ *Open junction box(es)* ☐ *Handyman wiring* ☐ *Visible knob-and-tube*

GENERAL COMMENTS

Conditions Reported above reflect the visible portions only. See additional comments

Attic items in need of maintenance repairs or to budget for future repairs:

- Most attic areas were converted to living space, with finishes and insulation concealing the structure and preventing inspection.

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BASEMENT

FOUNDATION

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ ***Have evaluated*** ☐ ***Monitor***

Material: ☑ Concrete block

Horizontal Cracks:	☐ North	☐ South	☐ East	☐ West
Step Cracks:	☐ North	☐ South	☐ East	☐ West
Vertical Cracks:	☐ North	☐ South	☐ East	☐ West
Covered Walls:	☑ North	☑ South	☑ East	☑ West
Movement Apparent:	☐ North	☐ South	☐ East	☐ West
Indication Of Moisture:	☑ Yes	☐ No	☐ Fresh	☑ Old stains

Conditions reported above reflect visible portion only. See additional Comments

FLOOR

Material: ☑ Concrete ☐ Dirt/Gravel ☑ Not visible/Covered with floor coverings

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor ☐ Typical cracks

DRAINAGE

Sump Pump: ☐ Yes ☑ No ☐ Working ☐ Not working ☐ ***Pump not tested***

Floor Drains: ☑ Yes ☐ Not visible ☑ Drains not tested

GIRDERS / BEAMS

Material: ☑ Steel ☐ Wood ☐ Concrete ☐ Block ☑ Not visible/ Covered with finish material.

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor ☐ Stained/rusted

COLUMNS

Material: ☑ Steel ☐ Wood ☐ Concrete ☐ Block ☑ Not visible/ Covered with finish material.

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor ☐ Stained/rusted

JOISTS

Material: ☑ Wood ☐ Steel ☐ Truss ☑ Not visible/ Covered with finish material.

☐ 2x8 ☑ 2x10 ☐ 2x12 ☐ Engineered I-Type ☐ ***Sagging/altered joists***

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor

SUB FLOOR

☐ Indication of moisture stains/rotting ** Areas around shower stalls, etc., as viewed from basement or crawl space

GENERAL COMMENTS

Conditions Reported above reflect the visible portions only. See additional comments

Basement items in need of maintenance repairs or to budget for future repairs:

- Foundation visibility was limited by finished living areas and substantial storage. Visible sections appeared satisfactory, with older discoloration but no signs of recent moisture intrusion. Keep gutters clean, downspouts extended, and drainage directed away from the house, and monitor.

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PLUMBING

WATER SERVICE

Main Shut-off Location: In the basement

Water Entry Piping: ☑ Not visible ☐ Copper/Galvanized ☐ **Plastic*** (PVC, CPVC, **Polybutylene**, PEX)

Lead Other Than Solder Joints: ☐ Yes ☑ No

Visible Water Distribution Piping: ☑ Copper ☑ Galvanized ☑ **Plastic*** (PVC, CPVC, **Polybutylene**, PEX)

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor

Functional Flow: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor

Pipes, Supply/Drain: ☐ ***Corroded*** ☐ ***Leaking*** ☐ ***Valves broken/missing***

Drain/Waste/Vent Pipe: ☑ Copper ☑ PVC

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor 1

Traps Proper P-Type: ☐ Yes ☑ No ☐ ***P-traps recommended***

Functional Drainage: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor

Gas Line: ☑ Black iron

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor ☐ ***Recommend plumber evaluate***

MAIN FUEL SHUT-OFF LOCATION

At the gas meter

WATER HEATER #1

Brand name: Trin N Stor **Serial #:** 3260119C82 528100025

Approx. age: 2019 **Capacity:** Indirect/with boiler (21 gal.)

Type: ☑ Gas

Combustion Air Venting Present: ☑ Yes ☐ No

Relief Valve: ☑ Yes ☐ No **Extension proper:** ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ ***Missing*** ☐ ***Recommend repair***

Vent Pipe: ☑ Satisfactory ☑ Pitch proper ☐ ***Improper*** ☐ ***Rusted*** ☐ ***Recommend repair***

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor

GENERAL COMMENTS

Plumbing items recommended to be monitored or budgeted for future repairs:

- The dishwasher drain lacks an air gap, which is not recommended. Repair as needed.
- The main incoming water line, behind shelving and the television area along the front basement wall, was inaccessible and could not be inspected.

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HEATING SYSTEM

BOILER SYSTEM

Brand Name: Trin N Stor Approximate age: 2022
Serial #: 3314218232521

Energy Source: ☑ Gas
Distribution: ☑ Hot water ☑ Radiator
Circulator: ☑ Pump ☑ Multiple zones

Controls: Temp/pressure gauge exist: ☑ Yes ☐ No ***Operable:*** ☑ Yes ☐ No
Oil Fired Units: Disconnect: ☑ Yes ☐ No ***Combustion Air Venting Present:*** ☑ Yes ☐ No

Relief valve: ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ Missing Extension proper: ☑ Yes ☐ No

Operated: **When turned on by thermostat:** ☑ Fired ☐ Did not fire
Operation: Satisfactory: ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ ***Recommend HVAC technician examine Before closing***

GENERAL COMMENTS

A/C UNIT

☑ Central system Location: In the attic and on the exterior Age: 2010

Energy Source: ☑ Electric
Unit Type: ☑ Air cooled
Evaporator Coil: ☐ Satisfactory ☑ Not visible
Refrigerant lines: ☐ ***Leak*** ☐ ***Damage*** ☐ ***Insulation missing*** ☑ Satisfactory
Condensate Line/Drain: ☐ To exterior ☐ To pump ☑ Floor drain

Operation: Differential ??? °F
Difference in temperature (split) should be 14-22° Fahrenheit ***(See remarks)***

Condition: ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor ☑ ***Not operated due to exterior temperature***

GENERAL COMMENTS

Conditions Reported above reflect the visible portions only. See additional comments

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ELECTRIC/COOLING SYSTEM

MAIN PANEL Location: Basement Amperage: 100 ☑ Breaker Box

Adequate Clearance To Panel: ☑ Yes ☐ No
Appears Grounded: ☑ Yes ☐ No

MAIN WIRE: ☑ Copper ☐ Aluminum
Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Poor

GFCI Breaker: ☐ Yes ☑ No **Operable**: ☐ Yes ☐ No
AFCI Breaker: ☐ Yes ☑ No **Operable**: ☐ Yes ☐ No

BRANCH WIRE: ☑ Copper ☐ **Aluminum***
☐ ***Double tapped breakers*** ☐ ***Wires undersized/oversized breaker/fuse***

Materials: ☑ Romex ☐ BX cable ☑ Conduit ☐ ***Knob & tube*****
Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Poor ☐ ***Recommend electrician evaluate/repair****

SUB PANEL(S) ☑ None apparent

ELECTRICAL FIXTURES

A representative number of installed lighting fixtures, switches, and receptacles located inside the house, garage, and exterior walls were tested and found to be:

Condition: ☑ Satisfactory ☐ Marginal ☐ Poor ☐ Open grounds ☐ Reverse polarity
☐ GFCI's not operating ☐ ***Solid conductor aluminum branch wiring circuits****
☐ Ungrounded 3-prong receptacles ***(See remarks)***
☐ ***Recommend electrician evaluate/repair****

GENERAL COMMENTS

Electrical items recommended to be repaired as necessary by a qualified electrician:

- Install GFCI protection at exterior house and garage receptacles where missing.
- Multiple ceiling-mounted junction boxes in the basement laundry room lack covers, exposing wiring. Have a qualified electrician install proper covers and repair splices if needed.

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AN INSPECTION VERSUS A WARRANTY

A home inspection is just what the name indicates, an inspection of a home...usually a home that is being purchased. The purpose of the inspection is to determine the condition of the various systems and structures of the home. While an inspection performed by a competent inspection company will determine the condition of the major components of the home, no inspection will pick up every minute latent defect. The inspector's ability to find all defects is limited by access to various parts of the property, lack of information about the property and many other factors. A good inspector will do his or her level best to determine the condition of the home and to report it accurately. The report that is issued is an opinion as to the condition of the home. This opinion is arrived at by the best technical methods available to the home inspection industry. It is still only an opinion.

A warranty is a policy sold to the buyer that warrants that specific items in the home are in sound condition and will remain in sound condition for a specified period of time. Typically, the warranty company never inspects the home. The warranty company uses actuarial tables to determine the expected life of the warranted items and charges the customer a fee for the warranty that will hopefully cover any projected loss and make a profit for the warranty seller. It is essentially an insurance policy.

The service that we have provided you is an inspection. We make no warranty of this property. If you desire warranty coverage, please see your real estate agent for details about any warranty plan to which their firm may have access.

MECHANICAL DEVICES MAY OPERATE AT ONE MOMENT AND LATER MALFUNCTION; THEREFORE, LIABILITY IS SPECIFICALLY LIMITED TO THOSE SITUATIONS WHERE IT CAN BE CONCLUSIVELY SHOWN THAT THE MECHANICAL DEVICE INSPECTED WAS INOPERABLE OR IN THE IMMEDIATE NEED OF REPAIR OR NOT PERFORMING THE FUNCTION FOR WHICH IS IT WAS INTENDED AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION.

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GENERAL REMARKS/INFORMATION

DEFINITIONS

SATISFACTORY (Sat.) - Indicates the component is functionally consistent with its original purpose but may show signs of normal wear and tear and deterioration.

MARGINAL (Marg.) - Indicates the component will probably require repair or replacement anytime within five years.

POOR - Indicates the component will need repair or replacement now or in the very near future.

SERVICE WALKS/DRIVEWAYS

Spalling concrete cannot be patched with concrete because the new will not bond with the old. Water will freeze between the two layers, or the concrete will break up from movement or wear. Replacement of the damaged section is recommended. Walks or driveways that are close to the property should be properly pitched away to direct water away from the foundation. Asphalt driveways should be kept sealed and larger cracks filled so as to prevent damage from frost.

PATIOS

that have settled towards the structure should be mud jacked or replaced to assure proper pitch. Improperly pitched patios are one source of wet basements/crawlspaces.

All surfaces of untreated wood need regular applications of paint or special chemicals to resist damage. Porch or deck columns and fence posts which are buried in the ground and made of untreated wood will become damaged within a year or two.

Decks should always be nailed with galvanized, stainless steal or aluminum nails. Decks that are not painted or stained should be treated with a water sealer.

GRADING AND DRAINAGE

Any system of grading or landscaping that creates positive drainage (moving water away from the foundation walls) will help to keep a basement and crawlspace dry. Where negative grade exists and additional backfill is suggested, it may require digging out around the property to get a proper pitch. Dirt shall be approximately 6” below the bottom sill and should not touch wood surfaces.

Flower beds, loose mulched areas, railroad ties and other such landscaping items close to the foundation trap moisture and contribute to wet basements. To establish a positive grade, a proper slope away from the house is 1” per foot for approximately 5-6 feet. Recommend ground cover planting or grass up to foundation.

ROOF AND SURFACE WATER CONTROL

Roof and surface water must be controlled to maintain a dry basement and crawlspace. This means keeping gutters cleaned out and aligned, extending downspouts, installing splash blocks, and building up the grade so that roof and surface water is diverted away from the building.

WINDOW WELLS

The amount of water which enters a window well from falling rain is generally slight, but water will accumulate in window wells if the yard is improperly graded. Plastic window well covers are useful in keeping out leaves and debris.

RETAINING WALLS

Retaining walls deteriorate because of excessive pressure buildup behind them, generally due to water accumulation. Conditions can often be improved by excavating a trench behind the retaining wall and filling it with coarse gravel. Drain holes through the wall will then be able to relieve the water pressure.

Retaining walls sometime suffer from tree root pressure or from general movement of topsoil down the slope. Normally, these conditions require rebuilding the retaining wall.

RAILINGS

It is recommended that railings be installed for any stairway over 3 steps and porches over 30” for safety reasons. Balusters for porches, balconies, and stairs should be close enough to assure children cannot squeeze through.

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Valleys and Flashings that are covered with shingles and/or tar or any other material are considered not visible and are not part of the inspection.

Tar and Gravel Roofs - This type of covering on a pitched roof requires ongoing annual maintenance. We recommend that a roofing contractor evaluate this type of roof. Infra-red photography is best used to determine areas of potential leaks.

Flat roofs are very vulnerable to leaking. It is very important to maintain proper drainage to prevent the ponding of water. We recommend that a roofing contractor evaluate this type of roof.

ROOF TYPE	LIFE EXPECTANCY	SPECIAL REMARKS
Asphalt Shingles	15-20 years	Used on nearly 80% of all residential roofs; requires little maintenance.
*Asphalt Multi-Thickness Shingles**	20-30 years	Heavier and more durable than regular asphalt shingles.
*Asphalt Interlocking. Shingles**	15-25 years	Especially good in high-wind areas.
Asphalt Rolls	10 years	Used on low slope roofs.
Built-up Roofing	10-20 years	Used on low slope roofs; 2 to 3 times as costly as asphalt shingles.
*Wood Shingles**	10-40 years[1]	Treat with preservative every 5 years to prevent decay.
*Clay Tiles**, *Cement Tiles**	20 + years 20 + years	Durable, fireproof, but not watertight, * requiring a good subsurface base.
*Slate Shingles**	30-100 years [2]	Extremely durable, but brittle and expensive.
*Asbestos Cement Shingles**	30-75 years	Durable, but brittle and difficult to repair.
Metal Roofing	15-40 + years	Comes in sheets & shingles; should be well grounded for protection from lightning; certain metals must be painted.
Single Ply	15-25 years	New material; not yet passed test of time.
Membrane (mfgr's claim) *Polyurethane* *with Elastomenic* Coating	5-10 years [1]	Used on low slope roofs.

* Not recommended for use on low slope roof
[1] Depending on local conditions and proper installation
[2] Depending on quality of slate

Roof coverings should be visually checked in the spring and fall for any visible missing shingles, damaged coverings or other defects. Before re-roofing, the underside of the roof structure and roof sheathing should be inspected to determine that the roof structure can support the additional weight of the shingles.

Wood shakes and shingles will vary in aging, due to the quality of the material, installation, maintenance, and surrounding shade trees. Ventilation and drying of the wood material is critical in extending the life expectancy of the wood. Commercial preservatives are available on the market, which could be applied to wood to impede deterioration.

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CHIMNEYS
Chimneys built of masonry will eventually need tuckpointing. A cracked chimney top that allows water and carbonic acid to get behind the surface brick/stone will accelerate the deterioration. Moisture will also deteriorate the clay flue liner. Periodic chimney cleaning will keep you apprised of the chimney's condition. The flashing around the chimney may need resealing and should be inspected every year or two. Fireplace chimneys should be inspected and evaluated by a chimney professional before using. Chimneys must be adequate height for proper drafting. Spark arrestors are recommended for a wood burning chimney, and chimney caps for fossil fuels. **Unlined Chimney** - should be re-evaluated by a chimney technician. Have flue cleaned and re-evaluated. The flue lining is covered with soot or creosote and no representation can be made as to the condition.

NOT EVALUATED
The flue was not evaluated due to inaccessibility such as roof pitch, cap, cleanout not accessible, etc.

CRICKET FLASHING
Small, sloped structure made of metal and designed to drain moisture away from a chimney. Usually placed at the back of a chimney.

GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS
This is an extremely important element in basement/crawlspace dampness control. Keep gutters clean and downspout extensions in place (4' or more). Paint the inside of galvanized gutters, which will extend the life. Shortly after a rain or thaw in winter, look for leaks at seams in the gutters. These can be recaulked before they cause damage to fascia or soffit boards. If no gutters exist, it is recommended that they be added.

SIDING
Wood siding should not come in contact with the ground. The moisture will cause rotting to take place and can attract carpenter ants. See page 34 for siding that have known problems, but are not always recognizable. Brick and stone veneer must be monitored for loose or missing mortar. Some brick and stone are susceptible to spalling. This can be caused when moisture is trapped and a freeze/thaw situation occurs. There are products on the market that can be used to seal out the moisture. This holds true for brick and stone chimneys also. Metal siding will dent and scratch. Oxidation is a normal reaction in aluminum. There are good cleaners on the market and it is recommended that they be used occasionally. Metal siding can be painted.

EIFS This type of siding is a synthetic stucco and has experienced serious problems. It requires a certified EIFS inspector to determine condition.

DOORS AND WINDOWS
These can waste an enormous amount of energy. Maintain the caulking around the frames on the exterior. Check for drafts in the winter and improve the worst offenders first. Windows that have leaky storm windows will usually have a lot of sweating. Likewise, well-sealed storms that sweat indicate a leaky window. It is the tighter unit that will sweat (unless the home has excess humidity to begin with).

Wood that exhibits blistering or peeling paint should be examined for possible moisture sources: roof leaks, bad gutters, interior moisture from baths or laundry or from a poorly vented crawl space. Some paint problems have no logical explanation, but many are a symptom of an underlying problem. A freshly painted house may mask these symptoms, but after you have lived in the home for a year or two, look for localized paint blistering (peeling). It may be a clue.
New glazing will last longer if the raw wood is treated with boiled linseed oil prior to glazing. It prevents the wood from drawing the moisture out of the new glazing.

CAULKING
Many different types of caulk are available on the market today. Check with a paint or hardware store for the kind of application you need.

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GARAGE/CARPORT

OVERHEAD DOOR OPENERS

We recommend that a separate electrical outlet be provided. Openers that do not have a **safety reverse** are considered a safety hazard. Small children and pets are especially vulnerable. We recommend the operating switches be set high enough so children cannot reach them. If an electric sensor is present, it should be tested occasionally to ensure it is working.

GARAGE SILL PLATES

Should be elevated or treated lumber should be used. If this is not the case, try to direct water away to prevent rotting.

BURNERS

Any appliance such as a water heater, furnace, etc. should have the flame a minimum of 18" above the floor. Any open flame less

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PLASTER ON WOOD LATH
Plaster on wood lath is an old technique and is no longer in general use. Wood lath shrinks with time and the nails rust and loosen. As a result, the plaster may become fragile and caution is needed in working with this type of plastering system. Sagging ceilings are best repaired by laminating drywall over the existing plaster and screwing it to the ceiling joists.

PLASTER ON GYPSUM LATH (ROCK LATH)
Plaster on gypsum lath will sometimes show the seams of the 16” wide gypsum lath, but this does not indicate a structural fault. The scalloping appearance can be leveled with drywall joint compound and fiberglass mesh joint tape or drywall can be laminated over the existing plaster on the ceiling.

WOOD FLOORING
Always attempt to clean wood floors first before making the decision to refinish the floor. Wax removers and other mild stripping agents plus a good waxing and buffing will usually produce satisfactory results. Mild bleaching agents help remove deep stains. Sanding removes some of the wood in the floor and can usually be done safely only once or twice in the life of the floor.

NAIL POPS
Drywall nail pops are due to normal expansion and contraction of the wood members to which the drywall is nailed and are usually of no structural significance.

CARPETING
Where carpeting has been installed, the materials and condition of the floor underneath cannot be determined.

APPLIANCES (If report indicated appliances were operated, the following applies) Dishwashers are tested to see if the motor operates and water sprays properly. Stoves are tested to see that burners are working and oven and broiler get hot. Timer and controls are not tested. Refrigerators are not tested. Most new Dishwashers have the drain line looped automatically and may not be visible on the day of inspection. It is essential for the dishwasher drain line to have an anti-siphon break to prevent backflow. A drain line loop or Dishwasher air gap should be installed if found to be missing. No representation is made to continued life expectancy of any appliance.

ASBESTOS AND OTHER HAZARDS
Asbestos fibers in some form are present in many homes, but are often not visible and cannot be identified without testing.

If there is reason to suspect that asbestos may be present and if it is of particular concern, a sample of the material in question may be removed and analyzed in a laboratory. However, detecting or inspecting for the presence or absence of asbestos is not a part of our inspection.

Also excluded from this inspection and report are the possible presence of, or danger from, radon gas, lead-based paint, urea formaldehyde, toxic or flammable chemicals and all other similar or potentially harmful substances and environmental hazards.

WINDOWS
A representative number of windows are inspected.

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STALL SHOWER

The metal shower pan in a stall shower has a potential or probable life of 10-20 years depending on quality of the pan installed. Although a visible inspection is made to determine whether a shower pan is currently leaking, it cannot be stated with certainty that no defect is present or that one may not soon develop. Shower pan leaks often do not show except when the shower is in actual use.

CERAMIC TILE

Bathroom tile installed in a mortar bed is excellent. It is still necessary to keep the joint between the tile and the tub/shower caulked or sealed to prevent water spillage from leaking through and damaging the ceilings below.

Ceramic tile is often installed in mastic. It is important to keep the tile caulked or water will seep behind the tile and cause deterioration in the wallboard. Special attention should be paid to the area around faucets and other tile penetrations.

EXHAUST FANS

Bathrooms with a shower should have exhaust fans when possible. This helps to remove excess moisture from the room, preventing damage to the ceiling and walls and wood finishes. The exhaust fan should not be vented into the attic. The proper way to vent the fan(s) is to the outside. Running the vent pipe horizontally and venting into a gable end or soffit is preferred. Running the vent pipe vertically through the roof may cause condensation to run down the vent pipe, rusting the fan and damaging the wallboard. Insulating the vent pipe in the attic will help to reduce this problem.

SLOW DRAINS on sinks, tubs, and showers are usually due to build up of hair and soap scum. Most sink popups can be easily removed for cleaning. Some tubs have a spring attached to the closing lever that acts as a catch for hair. It may require removing a couple of screws to disassemble. If you cannot mechanically remove the obstruction, be kind to your pipes. ***Don't use a caustic cleaner***. There are several bacteria drain cleaners available. They are available at hardware stores in areas where septic tanks are used. These drain cleaners take a little longer to work, but are safe for you and your pipes.

SAFETY HAZARDS

Typical safety hazards found in bathrooms are open grounds or reverse polarity by water. Replacing these outlets with G.F.C.I.'s are recommended. (See page 28)

WHIRLPOOL TUBS

This relates to interior tubs hooked up to interior plumbing. Where possible, the motor will be operated to see that the jets are working. Hot tubs and spas are not inspected.

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DOOR STOPS

All swinging doors should be checked for door stops. Broken or missing door stops can result in door knobs breaking through drywall or plaster.

CLOSET GUIDES

Sliding closet doors should be checked to see that closet guides are in place. Missing or broken closet guides can cause scratches and damage to doors.

COLD AIR RETURNS

Bedrooms that do not have cold air returns in them should have a 3/4” gap under the doors to allow cold air to be drawn into the hall return.

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WINDOW FRAMES AND SILLS

Window frames and sills are often found to have surface deterioration due to condensation that has run off the window and damaged the varnish. Usually this can be repaired with a solvent style refinisher and fine steel wool. This is sometimes a sign of excess humidity in the house. See comments regarding caulking doors and windows, page 8.

FIREPLACES

It is important that a fireplace be cleaned on a routine basis to prevent the buildup of creosote in the flue, which can cause a chimney fire. Masonry fireplace chimneys are normally required to have a terra cotta flue liner or 8 inches of masonry surrounding each flue in order to be considered safe and to conform with most building codes. During visual inspections, it is not uncommon to be unable to detect the absence of a flue liner either because of stoppage at the firebox, a defective damper or lack of access from the roof.

WOODBURNERS

Once installed, it can be difficult to determine proper clearances for woodburning stoves. Manufacturer specifications, which are not usually available to the inspector, determine the proper installation. We recommend you ask the owner for paperwork, verifying that it was installed by a professional contractor.

VENTILATION

Ventilation is recommended at the rate of one square foot of vent area to 300 square feet of attic floor space, this being divided between soffit and rooftop. Power vents should ideally have both a humidistat and a thermostat, since ventilation is needed to remove winter moisture as well as summer heat. Evidence of condensation such as blackened roof sheathing, frost on nail heads, etc. is an indication that ventilation may have been or is blocked or inadequate.

INSULATION

The recommended insulation in the attic area is R-38, approximately 12”. If insulation is added, it is important that the ventilation is proper.

SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke detectors should be tested monthly. At least one detector should be on each level. CO detectors are not required by most states, but for safety reasons, are highly recommended.

VAPOR BARRIERS

The vapor barrier should be on the warm side of the surface. Most older homes were built without vapor barriers. If the vapor barrier is towards the cold side of the surface, it should be sliced or removed. Most vapor barriers in the attic are covered by insulation and therefore, not visible.

SAFETY GLAZING

Safety glazing requirements vary depending on the age of the home. Every attempt is made to identify areas where the lack of safety glazing presents an immediate safety hazard, such as a shower door. In some older homes it is difficult to determine if safety glazing is present, since the glass is not marked. Therefore, no representation is made that safety glazing exists in all appropriate areas.

INSULATED GLASS

Broken seal in thermopane/insulated windows are not always visible nor detectible due to humidity and temperature changes during the day. Other factors such as window covering, dirty windows, and lack of accessibility, personal property placed in front of the windows all affect the view of the windows at the time of the inspection.

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BASEMENT/CRAWLSPACE
Any basement/crawlspace that has cracks or leaks is technically considered to have failed. Most block basements/crawlspace have step cracks in various areas. If little or no movement has occurred and the step cracks are uniform, this is considered acceptable. Horizontal cracks in the third or fourth block down indicate the block has moved due to outside pressure. They can be attributed to many factors such as improper grading, improperly functioning gutter and downspout system, etc. Normally if little or no movement has taken place and proper grading and downspouts exist, this is considered acceptable. If the wall containing the stress crack(s) has moved considerably, this will require some method of reinforcement. Basements/crawlspace that have been freshly painted or tuckpointed should be monitored for movement. This will be indicated by cracks reopening. If cracks reappear, reinforcement may be necessary. Reinforcing a basement/crawlspace wall can become expensive.

FOUNDATION (COVERED WALLS)
Although an effort has been made to note any major inflections or weaknesses, it is difficult at best to detect these areas when walls are finished off, or basement/crawlspace storage makes areas inaccessible. **No representation is made as to the condition of these walls.**

INSULATED CONCRETE FORMS (ICF'S) are formwork for concrete that stays in place as permanent building insulation for energy-efficient, cast-in-place, reinforced concrete walls, floors and roofs.

MONITOR indicates that the walls have stress cracks, but little movement has occurred. In our opinion, the cracks should be filled with mortar and the walls monitored for further movement and cracking. If additional movement or cracking occurs, reinforcement may be necessary.

HAVE EVALUATED We recommend that the walls be re-evaluated by a structural engineer or basement/crawlspace repair company and estimates be obtained if work is required.

VAPOR BARRIER
Floors that are dirt or gravel should be covered with a vapor barrier.

MOISTURE PRESENT
Basement/crawlspace dampness is frequently noted in houses and in most cases the stains, moisture or efflorescence present is a symptom denoting that a problem exists outside the home. Usual causes are improper downspout extensions or leaking gutters and/or low or improper grade (including concrete surfaces) at the perimeter of the house. A proper slope away from the house is one inch per foot for four to six feet. Expensive solutions to basement/crawlspace dampness are frequently offered. It is possible to spend thousands of dollars on solutions such as pumping out water that has already entered or pumping of chemical preparations into the ground around the house, when all that may be necessary are a few common sense solutions at the exterior perimeter. However, this is not intended to be an exhaustive list of causes and solutions to the presence of moisture.
No representation is made to future moisture that may appear.

PALMER VALVE
Many older homes have a valve in the floor drain. This drain needs to remain operational.

DRAIN TILE
We offer no opinion about the existence or condition of the drain tile, as it cannot be visibly inspected.

BASEMENT ELECTRICAL OUTLETS
We recommend that you have an outlet within 6' of each appliance. The appliance you plan to install may be different than what exists, therefore the inspection includes testing a representative number of receptacles that exist. It is also recommended to have ground fault circuit interrupts for any outlet in the unfinished part of the basement and crawl spaces.

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CRAWL SPACES

Crawl spaces are shallow spaces between the first level floor joist and the ground. Access to this area may be from the inside, outside or not accessible at all. Ductwork, plumbing, and electrical may be installed in the space in which access may be necessary. The floor of the crawl space may be covered with concrete, gravel, or may be the original soil. A vapor barrier may be a sheet of plastic or tar paper and installed over or under this material. The vapor barrier will deter the moisture from the earth from escaping into the crawl space and causing a musty smell. Ventilation is also important to control excess moisture buildup. Vents may be located on the outside of the house and are normally kept open in the summer and closed for the winter (where freezing may occur). The basement/crawl space diagram indicates areas that are covered and not part of a visual inspection. Every attempt is made to determine if paneling is warped, moisture stains are bleeding through, etc. Storage that blocks the visibility of a wall is not removed to examine that area. Therefore, it is important that on your walk-through before closing, you closely examine these areas. Closed crawl spaces that have vents to the outside should have insulation under the floor above the crawl space.

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WELLS
Examination of wells is not included in this visual inspection. It is recommended that you have well water checked for purity by the local health authorities and, if possible, a check on the flow of the well in periods of drought. A well pit should have a locked cover on it to prevent anyone from falling into the pit.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS
The check of septic systems is not included in our visual inspection. You should have the local health authorities or other qualified experts check the condition of the septic system. In order for the septic system to be checked, the house must have been occupied within the last 30 days.

WATER PIPES
Galvanized water pipes rust from the inside out and may have to be replaced within 20 to 30 years. This is usually done in two stages: horizontal piping in the basement first, and vertical pipes throughout the house later as needed. Copper pipes usually have more life expectancy and may last as long as 60 years before needing to be replaced.

HOSE BIBS
During the winter months it is necessary to make sure the outside faucets are winterized. This can be done by means of a valve located in the basement. Leave the outside faucets open to allow any water standing in the pipes to drain, preventing them from freezing. Hose bibs cannot be tested when winterized.

WATER HEATER
The life expectancy of a water heater is 5-10 years. Water heaters generally need not be replaced unless they leak. It is a good maintenance practice to drain 5-10 gallons from the heater several times a year. Missing relief valves or improper extension present a safety hazard.

WATER SOFTENERS
During a visual inspection it is not possible to determine if water is being properly softened.

PLUMBING
The temperature/pressure valve should be tested several times a year by lifting the valve’s handle. Caution: very hot water will be discharged. If no water comes out, the valve is defective and must be replaced.

SHUT-OFF VALVES
Most shut-off valves have not been operated for long periods of time. We recommend operating each shut-off valve to: toilet bowl, water heater, under sinks, main shut-off, hose faucets, and all others. We recommend you have a plumber do this, as some of the valves may need to be repacked or replaced. Once the valves are in proper operating order, we recommend opening and closing these valves several times a year.

POLYBUTYLENE PIPING
This type of piping has a history of problems and should be examined by a licensed plumber and repaired or replaced as necessary.

CSST
Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing is an alternative to traditional black iron gas piping. It is a continuous, flexible, stainless steel pipe with an exterior PVC covering.

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HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING units have limited lives. Normal lives are:

GAS-FIRED HOT AIR . . . .15-25 years
OIL-FIRED HOT AIR . . . . . 20-30 years
CAST IRON BOILER . . . .30-50 years
(Hot water or steam) or more
STEEL BOILER . . . .30-40 years
(Hot water or steam) or more
COPPER BOILER . . . . . .10-20 years
(Hot water or steam)
CIRCULATING PUMP (Hot water) . . . .10-15 years
AIR CONDITIONING COMPRESSOR . . . . 8-12 years
HEAT PUMP . . . .8-12 years

Gas-fired hot air units that are close to or beyond their normal lives have the potential of becoming a source of carbon monoxide in the home. You may want to have such a unit checked every year or so to assure yourself that it is still intact. Of course a unit of such an age is a good candidate for replacement with one of the new, high efficiency furnaces. The fuel savings alone can be very attractive.

Boilers and their systems may require annual attention. If you are not familiar with your system, have a heating contractor come out in the fall to show you how to do the necessary thing **Caution: do not add water to a hot boiler!**

Forced air systems should have filters changed every 30 to 60 days of the heating and cooling season. This is especially true if you have central air conditioning. A dirty air system can lead to premature failure of your compressor - a $1,500 machine.

Oil-fired furnaces and boilers should be serviced by a professional each year. Most experts agree you will pay for the service cost in fuel saved by having a properly tuned burner.

Read the instructions for maintaining the humidifier on your furnace. A malfunctioning humidifier can rust out a furnace rather quickly. It is recommended that the humidifier be serviced at the same time as the furnace, and be cleaned regularly. **During a visual inspection it is not possible to determine if the humidifier is working.**

Have HVAC technician examine - A condition was found that suggests a heating contractor should do a further analysis. We suggest doing this before closing.

Heat exchangers cannot be examined nor their condition determined without being disassembled. Since this is not possible during a visual, non-technically exhaustive inspection, you may want to obtain a service contract on the unit or contact a furnace technician regarding a more thorough examination.

Testing pilot safety switch requires blowing out the pilot light. Checking safety limit controls requires disconnecting blower motor or using other means beyond the scope of this inspection. If the furnace has not been serviced in last 12 months you may want to have a furnace technician examine.

CO Test - This is not part of a non-technical inspection. If a test was performed, the type of tester is indicated on page 27.

Combustible Gas Detector - If a gas detector was used during the inspection of the furnace and evidence of possible combustible gases was noted, we caution you that our test instrument is sensitive to many gases and not a foolproof test. None-the-less, this presents the possibility that a hazard exists and could indicate that the heat exchanger is, or will soon be, defective.

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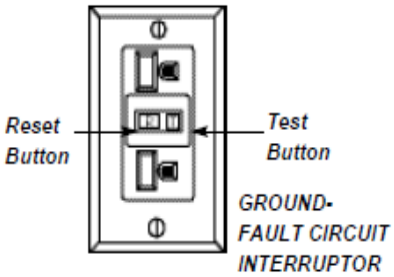
Every effort has been made to evaluate the size of the service. Three wires going into the home indicate 240 volts. The total amperage can be difficult to determine. We highly recommend that ground fault circuit interrupters (G.F.C.I.) be connected to all outlets around water. This device automatically shuts the circuit off when it senses a current leak to ground. This device can be purchased in most hardware stores. G.F.C.I.'s are recommended by all outlets located near water, outside outlets, or garage outlets. Pool outlets should also be protected with a G.F.C.I. **See diagram below:**
If you do have G.F.C.I.'s, it is recommended that you test (and reset) them monthly. When you push the test button, the reset button should pop out, shutting off the circuit. If it doesn't, the breaker is not working properly. If you don't test them once a month, the breakers have a tendency to stick and may not protect you when eeded.



Knob and tube wiring found in older homes should be checked by an electrician to insure that the wire cover is in good condition. Under no circumstances should this wire be covered with insulation. Recess light fixtures should have a baffle around them so that they are not covered with insulation. The newer recessed fixtures will shut off if they overheat. (no representation is made as to proper recess lighting fixtures).

Federal Pacific Stab-Lok® Electrical panels may be unsafe. See www.google.com (Federal Pacific)

Aluminum wiring in general lighting circuits has a history of over heating, with the potential of a fire. If this type of wiring exists, a licensed electrical contractor should examine the whole system.

ARC FAULTS

In some areas arc Faults are required for bedrooms in new homes starting in 2002. In some areas arc Faults are required for all 120 Volt circuits that are not GFCI protected in new homes starting in 2009. Upgrade as desired for enhanced safely.

REVERSE POLARITY

A common problem that surfaces in many homes is reverse polarity. This is a potentially hazardous situation in which the hot and neutral wires of a circuit are reversed at the outlet, thereby allowing the appliance to incorrectly be connected. This is an inexpensive item to correct.

Each receptacle has a brass and silver screw. The black wire should be wired to the brass screw and the white wire should go to the silver screw. When these wires are switched, this is called "reverse polarity." Turning off the power and switching these wires will correct the problem.

Main service wiring for housing is typically 240 volts. The minimum capacity for newer homes is 100 amps though many older homes still have 60 amp service. Larger homes or all electric homes will likely have a 200 amp service.

Main service wiring may be protected by one or more circuit breakers or fuses. While most areas allow up to six main turnoffs, expanding from these panels is generally not allowed.

COOLING

Testing A/C System and Heat Pump- The circuit breakers to A/C should be on for a minimum of 24 hours and the outside temperature at least 60 degrees for the past 24 hours or an A/C system cannot be operated without possible damage to the compressor. Check the instructions in your A/C manual or on the outside compressor before starting up in the summer. Heat pump can only be tested in the mode it's running in. Outside temperature should be at least 65° for the past 24 hours to run in cooling mode.

Temperature differential, between 14°-22°, is usually acceptable. If out of this range, have an HVAC contractor examine it. It is not always feasible to do a differential test due to high humidity, low outside temperature, etc.

A/C CONDENSER COIL They should not become overgrown with foliage. Clearance requirements vary, but 2' on all sides should be considered minimal with up to 6' of air discharge desirable. If a clothes dryer vent is within five to ten feet, either relocate the vent or do not run when the A/C is running. The lint will quickly reduce the efficiency of the A/C unit.

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COSTS OF REMODELING OR REPAIR

The prices quoted below include a range of prices based on a typical metropolitan area. Individual prices from contractors can vary substantially from these ranges. We advise that several bids be obtained on any work exceeding several hundred dollars. DO NOT RELY ON THESE PRICES... GET FURTHER ESTIMATES.

ITEM	UNIT	ESTIMATED PRICE ($)
Masonry fireplace	Each	3,000 - 6,000
Install prefab fireplace	Each	2,000 - 4,000
Insulate attic	Square foot	.75 - 1.25
Install attic ventilating fan	Each	200 - 300
Install new drywall over plaster	Square foot	1.75 - 2.75
Install new warm air furnace	Each	2,000 - 3,000
Replace central air conditioning	Each	1,400 - 2,000
Install humidifier	Each	300 - 500
Install electrostatic air cleaner	Each	800 - 1,500
Increase elec. svc. to 60-100 amps	Each	600 - 1,200
Run separate elec. line for dryer	Each	125 - 200
Run separate elec. line for A/C	Each	135 - 200
Install hardwired smoke detector	Each	100 - 180
Install new disposal	Each	250 - 400
Install new dishwasher	Each	500 - 750
Install new hot water boiler	Each	2,000 - 4,000
Install new 30-40 gal water heater	Each	350 - 650
Install new 30 gal. water heater	Each	300 - 500
Dig and install new well	Each	get estimate
Install new septic system	Each	get estimate
Regrade around exterior	Each	500 - 900
Install new sump pump and pit	Each	400 - 600
Build new redwood or pressure-treated deck	Square foot	20 - 30
Install storm windows	Each	60 - 150
Install wood replacement windows	Each	400 - 800
Install aluminum or vinyl replacement window	Each	300 - 800
Install new gutters and downspouts	Linear foot	3.50 - 5.00
Install asphalt shingle o/existing	Square foot	1.20 - 1.70
Tear off existing roof and install new asphalt shingle roof	Square foot	2.50 - 4.00
Instl 1-ply membrane rubberized roof	Square foot	get estimate
Instl new 4-ply built-up tar & gravel	Square foot	get estimate
Remove asbestos from pipes in bsmt	Linear foot	get estimate
Concrete drive or patio	Square foot	3.00 - 4.00
with removal of old	Square foot	2.25 - 3.00
Clean chimney flue	Each	100 - 200
Add flue liner for gas fuel		900 - 1,200
Add flue liner for oil or wood		2,800 - 3,500

Deferred Costs - It is impossible to determine how long these items will last before needing replacement. The report addresses most of these items from a “condition” standpoint.

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PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TIPS

I. **FOUNDATION and MASONRY: Basements, Exterior Walls**: To prevent seepage and condensation problems.
a. Check basement for dampness and leakage after wet weather.
b. Check chimneys, deteriorated chimney caps, loose and missing mortar.
c. Maintain grading sloped away from foundation walls.

II. **ROOFS, GUTTERS, and EAVESTROUGH:** To prevent roof leaks, condensation, seepage, and decay problems.
a. Check for damaged, loose or missing shingles, blisters.
b. Clean gutters, leaders, strainers, window wells, drains. Be sure downspouts direct water away from foundation. Cut back tree limbs.
c. Check flashings around roof stacks, vents, skylights, chimneys, as sources of leakage. Check vents, louvers and chimneys for birds nests, squirrels, insects.
d. Check fascias and soffits for paint flaking, leakage and decay.

III. **EXTERIOR WALLS:** To prevent paint failure, decay, and moisture penetration problems.
a. Check painted surface for paint flaking or paint failure. Cut back shrubs.
b. Check exterior masonry walls for cracks, looseness, missing or broken mortar.

IV. **DOORS AND WINDOWS:** To prevent air and weather penetration problems.
a. Check caulking for decay around doors, windows, corner boards, joints. Recaulk and weatherstrip as needed. Check glazing, putty around windows.

V. **ELECTRICAL:** For safe electrical performance, mark and label each circuit.
a. Trip circuit breakers every six months and ground fault circuit interrupters (G.F.C.I.) monthly.
b. Check condition of lamp cords, extension cords and plugs. Replace at first sign of wear and damage.
c. Check exposed wiring and cable for wear or damage.
d. If you experience slight tingling shock from handling or touching any appliance, disconnect the appliance and have it repaired. If lights flicker or dim, or if appliances go on and off unnecessarily, call a licensed electrician.

VI. **PLUMBING:** For preventive maintenance.
a. Drain exterior water lines, hose bibs, sprinklers, pool equipment in the fall.
b. Draw off sediment in water heaters monthly or per manufacturer's instructions.
c. Have septic tank cleaned every 2 years.

VII. **HEATING and COOLING:** For comfort, efficiency, energy conservation and safety.
a. Change or clean furnace filters, air condition filters, electronic filters as needed.
b. Clean and service humidifier. Check periodically and annually.
c. Have oil burning equipment serviced annually.

VIII. **INTERIOR:** General house maintenance.
a. Check bathroom tile joints, tub grouting and caulking. Be sure all tile joints in bathrooms are kept well sealed with tile grout to prevent damage to walls, floors and ceilings below.
b. Close crawl vents in winter and open in summer.
c. Check underside of roof for water stains, leaks, dampness & condensation, particularly in attics and around chimneys.

IX. **Know the location of:**
• Main water shutoff valve.
• Main emergency shutoff switch for the heating system.
• Main electrical disconnect or breaker.

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