



Preparing for the Home Inspection

- ___ Check that all utilities are on, especially if home is vacant
- ___ Leave keys that are clearly labeled to any locked areas
- ___ Make sure the electrical panel, water heater, furnace and other appliances are accessible ___ Pull things away from the basement and garage walls so they can be observed with a flashlight at least ___ Remove pets (and yourself) during the inspection
- ___ Most inspections will be done in 2 hours but plan to be gone for 4 hour window just in case.

GARAGE

- ___ Check garage doors for any damage, make sure the auto reverse feature is working
- ___ Look for cracks in the concrete floor and foundation walls, also for termite tubes
- ___ Repair drywall tape if it is peeling off or missing

EXTERIOR

- ___ Make sure outdoor water spigots are functioning and not leaking
- ___ Walk the perimeter and look for holes in siding, repair with caulk if needed
- ___ Look for damaged window screens and repair or replace
- ___ Gutters need to be clean of debris and downspouts need to point away from the foundation
- ___ Trim bushes away from the foundation and do a light landscaping job so it looks maintained
- ___ If any concerns, have a roofer check the condition to take care of repairs ahead of inspection

INTERIOR

- ___ Change air filters
- ___ Check that all windows open and the lock functions properly, also look for cracked panes and broken thermal seals
- ___ Put new batteries in the smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- ___ Replace burned out light bulbs
- ___ Make sure electrical outlets are all functioning
- ___ Repair leaking faucets and check for leaks underneath sinks around toilets & tubs and at the laundry connections
- ___ Make sure water heater, furnace, and A/C unit are cleaned off and have them serviced professionally, if needed