

10 Ways To Prepare Your Home For Inspection



TURN IT ON: Confirm that all services are turned on including water, gas, and electricity. Also ensure pilot lights are lit.

PETS: To be sure that pets won't hinder your home inspection, ideally they should be removed from the premises or secured outside. Please inform your agent about pets who are left at home during inspections.



LIGHTS ON: Replace burned-out light bulbs to avoid a "light is inoperable" report that may suggest an electrical problem.

WORKING DETECTORS: Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries, if necessary, to ensure they are functioning properly.

AIR FILTERS: Ensure HVAC air filters are clean and fit properly. You may want to replace your filters prior to inspection.

PESTS: Remove stored items, debris, and wood from the foundation of your home as these may be cited as "conducive conditions" for termites.

UTILITY ACCESS: Remove items that may be blocking access to HVAC equipment, the electrical service panels, water heater, attic, and crawlspace.

ROOM ACCESS: Unlock any areas that your home inspector must access such as the attic door or hatch, the electrical service panel, the basement, or any exterior doors and gates.

LAWN MAINTENANCE: Trim tree limbs so they are at least 10 feet away from the roof. Trim shrubs and remove foliage that could hide pests or hold moisture against the exterior of the home.

REPAIR & REPLACE: Address all broken or missing items such as doorknobs, locks or latches, windowpanes or screens, gutters or downspouts, or chimney caps.



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