

Building Inspection Checklist

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☐ Basics

- ☐ **Framing** All bearing points should be properly supported.
- ☐ **Foundation** Any strapping or bolts should already be in place and secure.
- ☐ **Sheathing** Should be in place and nailed according to code.
- ☐ **Headers** Must be installed and supported according to code.
- ☐ **Insulation** Insulation should meet standards and be appropriately fire-blocked as needed.
- ☐ **Mechanical** Plumbing, electrical and HVAC installation should be complete.
- ☐ **Windows/doors** These should be properly installed and functional.

☐ Interior

- ☐ **Attic.** Any blown insulation should be completed and certificate card posted; pull down stairs installed
- ☐ **Bath** All glass doors must be verified as tempered glass.
- ☐ **Banisters/stairs** Railings should be in place and wheelchair access provided where indicated (commercial installations).
- ☐ **Outlets** All electrical outlets should be covered and grounded properly.
- ☐ **Garage** The entire garage area should be fire-stopped and doors properly installed.

☐ Exterior

- ☐ **Roof** The roof should be fully installed, sealed, and flashing nailed down. Gutters and downspouts should be in place.
- ☐ **Ventilation** Vents and exhaust openings should be sealed and caulked around.
- ☐ **Wood** Exterior wood should be primed and painted or sealed.
- ☐ **Concrete** Drives and walkways should be appropriately footed and graded to provide drainage away from the foundation.
- ☐ **House Numbers** These should be installed on the house in full view of the street, and if possible numbers should be painted on the curb as well.

☐ Legal

- ☐ **Permit** This should be posted in plain view of the street.
- ☐ **Plans** Architectural plans should be available for the inspector to review.
- ☐ **Zoning** Appropriate paperwork should be available showing proof of zoning exception, if needed.