

HOW TO PREPARE FOR A SMOOTH HOME INSPECTION

Follow these easy steps to help ensure that the home inspection goes smoothly and delays in the selling process are avoided.



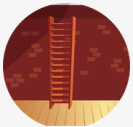
Be clear on when the inspection will take place and **inform anyone that may be present** in the house including teenagers, tenants, or in-laws living within the home.



Prepare for the inspector to be in every area of the home – you may want to **put away personal items**. Inspectors will need to look in every room, including closets.



Please **remove or kennel pets** prior to the inspection. The home inspectors will not be responsible to oversee pets and may cancel the inspection if pets are not properly tended to.



Be sure there is **access** to all **HVAC equipment, electric panels, and attic areas** (including separate attic access in master closets or garages where vehicles may be parked).



Pull out boxes / belongings to **allow viewing of the walls in garages or unfinished basements** – this allows for full inspection of the property.



Be prepared for the buyers to be present at the inspection. It is common for the buyer and their real estate agent to be present for the home inspection.



Leave **information for warranties, major repairs, or disclosures** on the kitchen counter for the inspector to review.



Be sure that **closets, storage sheds, shops, or crawlspaces** are **left unlocked** or that keys to access these areas are left for the inspector.