

PRE-INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Make your home inspection a breeze with the NPI preparation checklist.

A home inspection is a visual, non-invasive assessment of a home and its exterior grounds. This means inspectors will never look behind walls, disassemble electrical panels, or deliberately move personal items. To receive the most accurate home inspection report from National Property Inspections, the current home occupant should follow these simple preparation tasks.

INTERIOR ROOMS

- 🏠 Clear out under-sink cabinets, oven, and dishwasher
- 🏠 Make sure that all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly and accessible
- 🏠 Replace all burned out light bulbs
- 🏠 Locate user manuals and warranty information for appliances and components
- 🏠 Remove all pets from home on inspection day
- 🏠 Leave behind any important keys with clear instructions for their purpose

GARAGE

- 🏠 Move tools, boxes, and other items away from walls; if possible, move vehicles out of garage
- 🏠 Check that the garage overhead, doors, and any electrical panels are accessible
- 🏠 Ensure attic door is accessible (this may be inside the home)

EXTERIOR

- 🏠 Clear obstacles (leaves, brush, snow, garbage cans, etc.) away from your foundation
- 🏠 Trim any tree branches touching the house
- 🏠 Clean gutters and clear downspouts
- 🏠 Ensure downspouts are directed away from the home
- 🏠 Turn off sprinklers

BASEMENT & CRAWLSPACES

- 🏠 Move furniture and boxes away from the walls
- 🏠 Clear paths around mechanical systems (furnace, electrical panel, air conditioning units, etc.)
- 🏠 Change the furnace filter
- 🏠 Unlock all doors and crawlspace covers, remove stored items from space
- 🏠 Make sure pilot lights are lit on applicable appliances