

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.