**Home Inspection Checklist**

Buying a home is an exciting time, but eager homebuyers should pay careful attention to the home inspection performed after an offer is accepted on a new house. This guide will explain what a professional inspector examines and what to do during a home inspection so you can create your own home inspection checklist PDF as a point of reference.

## **Ground**

☐ Good drainage, including downspouts.

☐ Proper grading drainage away from the house.

☐ No standing water.

☐ Landscaping, driveway, and walkways are in good condition with no significant cracks.

☐ Trees are in good condition without overhanging or touching the roof.

## **Roof**

☐ Shingles are not missing or damaged and show no curling or cupping.

☐ Gutters show no decay, staining, or rust and are securely attached with downspouts.

## **Structure**

☐ Visible foundation in good condition - appears straight, and plumb, with no significant cracks

☐ Siding has no cracks, decay or curling.

☐ Exterior walls show no staining.

☐ Bricks show no damage or cracks in joints.

☐ Stucco shows no large cracks.

## **Basement**

☐ No evidence of moisture.

☐ No evidence of water damage to above floor.

☐ No staining or major cracks in exposed foundation.

☐ Visible floor joists show no damage, decay or staining and appear straight.

☐ Sump pump operates properly.

## **Electrical**

☐ Service panel has adequate capacity with cables attached properly.

☐ No knob-and-tube wiring.

☐ No aluminum cable for branch circuits.

☐ Cables are secured.

☐ Visible wiring is in good condition.