

New Construction Final Home Inspection Checklist



Just because your home is brand-new doesn't mean you should forego a final inspection. Use this checklist, along with a professional inspection, to help you spot and rectify any issues in your new build before closing.

Structural Elements

- Are any trees encroaching on the foundation?
- Is there moisture around the foundation?
- Does the foundation have any cracks?
- Do the walls (interior and exterior) or ceilings have any cracks or signs of water damage?
- Are the floors level?

Exterior

- Is the siding in good condition?
- Is the paint flaking?
- Do windows seal (no fog)?
- Do doors and windows open and close freely?
- Does the garage door open and close freely?
- Does it have a safety sensor?
- Do any decks or porches have cracks or damage?
- Is all landscaping correct (e.g. the correct flowers were planted in the correct locations)?

Roof

- Are any shingles broken or missing?
- Are gutters and downspouts firmly attached and undamaged?
- Is there any water pooling?
- Does the chimney have a rain cap?

Plumbing

- Has the sewer line been checked for potential cracks?
- Do all faucets, showers, or tubs drain freely?
- Do all fixtures have appropriate water pressure?
- Are any hot and cold water indicators reversed?
- Is the water heater accessible? Will its capacity fit your needs?

Electrical

- Do all outlets work properly?
- Is the fuse box or main panel accessible?
- Does each room have enough outlets for your needs?

Climate and Ventilation

- Are rooms heating and cooling properly?
- Have air filters been installed?
- Does the home have adequate insulation?

Interior

- Are baseboards pulling away from the wall?
- Do all doors open and close freely?
- Are there cracks in the drywall?
- Were the correct materials used (e.g. were laminate countertops installed when you requested marble)?
- Is any paint uneven, bubbling, or peeling?
- Are paint lines along trims and edges crisp?
- Are any items missing (e.g. you requested custom shelving but it wasn't installed)?
- Are there waves or wrinkles in the carpeting?