



Home Inspection Report Checklist

Client name: _____

Inspected property address: _____

Date and time of the inspection: _____

Weather conditions: _____

Approximate outdoor air temperature: _____

People present at the time of the inspection: _____

Estimated year built: _____

Type of structure inspected: _____

Company name: _____

Inspector name: _____

Company phone: _____

Company email: _____

Company address: _____

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This checklist is based upon the International Standards of Practice for Performing a General Home Inspection, which is located at www.nachi.org/sop.

This checklist may be used to perform a visual inspection of a home and provide the inspector with a written report identifying the defects that were (1) observed and (2) deemed material.

The purpose of clarity, the following terms may be used by the inspector:

A **material defect** is a specific issue with a system or component of a residential property that may have a significant, adverse impact on the value of the property, or that poses an unreasonable risk to people.

A **major defect** is a condition of a system or component that renders it non-working, non-performing, non-functioning or unsafe, and requires a professional contractor to further evaluate and repair, correct or replace.

A **minor defect** is a condition of a system or component that renders it non-working, non-performing, or non-functioning, and may be repaired, corrected or replaced by a professional contractor or the homeowner.

A **cosmetic defect** is a superficial flaw or blemish in the appearance of a system or component that does not interfere with its safety or functionality.

ROOF

INSPECT:

___ I inspected the roof-covering materials:

- ___ from the ground level
 - ___ from the eaves
 - ___ from a ladder
 - ___ from the roof surface
 - ___ from a window
 - ___ using binoculars
 - ___ using a camera extension pole
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___ The roof-covering materials were not inspected, because they were:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
-

___ I inspected the gutters:

- ___ from the ground level
 - ___ from the eaves
 - ___ from a ladder
 - ___ from the roof surface
-

___ The gutters were not inspected, because they were:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
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___ I inspected from ground level or the eaves the downspouts.

___ The downspouts were not inspected, because they were:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
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___ I inspected the vents, flashing, skylights, chimney, and other roof penetrations:

- ___ from the ground level
 - ___ from the eaves
 - ___ from a ladder
 - ___ from the roof surface
 - ___ from a window
 - ___ using binoculars
 - ___ using a camera extension pole
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___ The vents, flashing, skylights, chimney, and other roof penetrations were not inspected, because they were:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
-

___ I inspected from ground level or the eaves the general structure of the roof:

- ___ from readily accessible areas
 - ___ from readily accessible panels
 - ___ from readily accessible doors
 - ___ from readily accessible stairs
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___ The general structure of the roof from the readily accessible panels, doors or stairs was not inspected, because it was:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
-

DESCRIBE:

The type of roof-covering materials I observed can be described as:

- ___ asphalt shingle
- ___ wood shingle or shake
- ___ concrete or clay tile
- ___ metal
- ___ slate
- ___ other

REPORT:

___ I observed indications of an active roof leak. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of a material defect.

___ I observed indications of a major defect.

___ I observed indications of a minor defect.

___ I observed indications of a cosmetic defect.

EXTERIOR

INSPECT:

I inspected the exterior wall-covering materials, flashing and trim.

The exterior wall-covering materials, flashing and trim were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected all exterior doors.

All exterior doors were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the adjacent walkways and driveways.

The adjacent walkways and driveways were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the stairs, steps, stoops, stairways and ramps.

The stairs, steps, stoops, stairways and ramps were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
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I inspected the porches, patios, decks, balconies and carports.

The porches, patios, decks, balconies and carports were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the railings, guards and handrails.

The railings, guards and handrails were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the eaves, soffits and fascia.

The eaves, soffits and fascia were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected a representative number of windows.

A representative number of windows were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
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I inspected the vegetation, surface drainage, retaining walls and grading of the property, where they may adversely affect the structure due to moisture intrusion.

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___ The vegetation, surface drainage, retaining walls and grading of the property, where they may adversely affect the structure due to moisture intrusion, were not inspected, because they were:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
-

DESCRIBE:

The type of exterior wall-covering materials can be described as:

- ___ vinyl
 - ___ stucco
 - ___ aluminum siding
 - ___ cement-fiber panels or siding
 - ___ exterior insulation finish systems (EIFS)
 - ___ wood panels or siding
 - ___ masonry, brick and stone
 - ___ other
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REPORT:

___ I observed indications of improper spacing between intermediate balusters, spindles and rails. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of a material defect.

___ I observed indications of a major defect.

___ I observed indications of a minor defect.

___ I observed indications of a cosmetic defect.

BASEMENT, FOUNDATION, CRAWLSPACE & STRUCTURE

INSPECT:

I inspected the foundation.

The foundation was not inspected, because it was:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the basement.

The basement was not inspected, because it was:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the crawlspace.

The crawlspace was not inspected, because it was:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the structural components.

The structural components were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

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DESCRIBE:

The type of foundation can be described as:

- basement
 - crawlspace
 - slab-on-grade
 - concrete block
 - poured concrete
 - other
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The location of the access to the under-floor space is

REPORT:

I observed indications of wood in contact with or near soil. Correction is needed.

I observed indications of active water penetration. Correction is needed.

I observed indications of possible foundation movement, such as sheetrock cracks, brick cracks, out-of-square door frames, and unlevel floors. Correction is needed.

I observed indications of cutting, notching and boring of framing members that may, in my opinion, present a structural or safety concern. Correction is needed.

I observed indications of a material defect.

I observed indications of a major defect.

I observed indications of a minor defect.

I observed indications of a cosmetic defect.

HEATING

INSPECT:

I inspected the heating system, using normal operating controls.

The heating system was not inspected, because it was:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

DESCRIBE:

The location of the thermostat for the heating system is

The energy source of the heating system is:

- natural gas
 - electricity
 - fuel oil
 - propane
 - geothermal
 - solar
 - solid wood
 - pellets
 - coal
 - kerosene
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The heating method of the heating system is:

- warm-air
 - hydronic
 - steam
 - electric
 - other
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REPORT:

A heating system did not operate. Correction is needed.

A heating system was deemed inaccessible. Correction is needed.

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___ I observed indications of a material defect.

___ I observed indications of a major defect.

___ I observed indications of a minor defect.

___ I observed indications of a cosmetic defect.

COOLING

INSPECT:

I inspected the cooling system using normal operating controls.

The cooling system was not inspected, because it was:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

DESCRIBE:

The location of the thermostat for the cooling system is

The cooling method can be described as:

- a central air conditioning system
 - a split or ductless air conditioning
 - a packaged air conditioner
 - a evaporative cooling unit
 - a window air conditioner
 - a through-wall unit
 - a portable unit
 - other
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REPORT:

A cooling system did not operate. Correction is needed.

A cooling system was inaccessible. Correction is needed.

I observed indications of a material defect.

I observed indications of a major defect.

I observed indications of a minor defect.

I observed indications of a cosmetic defect.

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PLUMBING

INSPECT:

I inspected the main water supply shut-off valve.

The main water supply shut-off valve was not inspected, because it was:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
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I inspected the main fuel supply shut-off valve.

The main fuel supply shut-off valve was not inspected, because it was:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
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I inspected the water heating equipment, including the energy source, venting connections, temperature/pressure-relief (TPR) valves, Watts 210 valves, and seismic bracing.

The water heating equipment, including the energy source, venting connections, temperature/pressure-relief (TPR) valves, Watts 210 valves, and seismic bracing, were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the interior water supply, including all fixtures and faucets, by running the water.

The interior water supply, including all fixtures and faucets, were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
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I inspected all toilets for proper operation by flushing.

The toilets were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
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I inspected all sinks, tubs and showers for functional drainage.

The sinks, tubs and showers were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the drain, waste and vent system.

The drain, waste and vent system was not inspected, because it was:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the drainage sump pumps with accessible floats.

The drainage sump pumps with accessible floats were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
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DESCRIBE:

Based upon observed indications, the water supply is public.

Based upon observed indications, the water supply is private.

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The location of the main water supply shut-off valve is

The location of the main fuel supply shut-off valve is

The location of the observed fuel-storage system is

The static water pressure reading was measured at

The capacity of the water heating equipment was measured at

REPORT:

___ I observed indications of deficiencies in the water supply by viewing the functional flow in two fixtures operated simultaneously. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of deficiencies in the installation of hot and cold water faucets. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of mechanical drain stops that were missing or did not operate if installed in sinks, lavatories and tubs. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of toilets that were damaged, had loose connections to the floor, were leaking, or had tank components that did not operate. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of a material defect.

___ I observed indications of a major defect.

___ I observed indications of a minor defect.

___ I observed indications of a cosmetic defect.

ELECTRICAL

INSPECT:

I inspected the service drop.

The service drop was not inspected, because it was:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the overhead service conductors and attachment point.

The overhead service conductors and attachment point were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the service head, gooseneck and drip loops.

The service head, gooseneck and drip loops were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the service mast, service conduit and raceway.

The service mast, service conduit and raceway were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the electric meter and base.

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___ The electric meter and base were not inspected, because they were:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
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___ I inspected the service-entrance conductors.

___ The service-entrance conductors were not inspected, because they were:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
-

___ I inspected the main service disconnect.

___ The main service disconnect was not inspected, because it was:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
-

___ I inspected panelboards and over-current protection devices (circuit breakers and fuses).

___ The panelboards and over-current protection devices (circuit breakers and fuses) were not inspected, because they were:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
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___ I inspected the service grounding and bonding.

___ The service grounding and bonding were not inspected, because they were:

- ___ inaccessible
- ___ unsafe
- ___ not present
- ___ not within the scope of the inspection

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I inspected a representative number of switches, lighting fixtures and receptacles, including receptacles observed and deemed to be arc-fault circuit interrupter (AFCI)-protected using the AFCI test button, where possible.

The representative number of switches, lighting fixtures and receptacles, including receptacles observed and deemed to be arc-fault circuit interrupter (AFCI)-protected using the AFCI test button, where possible, were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected all ground-fault circuit interrupter receptacles and circuit breakers observed and deemed to be GFCIs using a GFCI tester, where possible.

The ground-fault circuit interrupter receptacles and circuit breakers observed and deemed to be GFCIs using a GFCI tester, where possible, were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors.

The smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

DESCRIBE:

The main service disconnect's amperage rating, if labeled, is _____.

The type of wiring observed can be described as:

- type NM (nonmetallic sheathed)
- type UF (underground feeder)
- type AC (armored cable)
- aluminum branch circuit

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___ knob and tube

REPORT:

___ I observed indications of deficiencies in the integrity of the service-entrance conductors' insulation, drip loop, and vertical clearances from grade and roofs. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of unused circuit-breaker panel opening that was not filled. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of the presence of solid conductor aluminum branch-circuit wiring. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of a tested receptacle in which power was not present, polarity was incorrect, the cover was not in place, the GFCI devices were not properly installed or did not operate properly, indications of arcing or excessive heat, and where the receptacle was not grounded or was not secured to the wall. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of the absence of smoke detectors. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of a material defect.

___ I observed indications of a major defect.

___ I observed indications of a minor defect.

___ I observed indications of a cosmetic defect.

FIREPLACE

INSPECT:

I inspected readily accessible and visible portions of the fireplaces and chimneys.

The readily accessible and visible portions of the fireplaces and chimneys were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the lintels above the fireplace openings.

The lintels above the fireplace openings were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the damper doors by opening and closing them, if readily accessible and manually operable.

The damper doors were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected the cleanout doors and frames.

The cleanout doors and frames were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

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DESCRIBE:

The type of fireplace can be described as:

- masonry solid fuel-burning
 - factory-built solid fuel-burning
 - decorative gas-burning
 - solid fuel-burning stove
 - solid fuel-burning fireplace insert
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REPORT:

I observed indications of joint separation, damage or deterioration of the hearth, hearth extension or chambers. Correction is needed.

I observed indications of manually operated dampers that did not open and close. Correction is needed.

I observed indications of the lack of a smoke detector in the same room as the fireplace. Correction is needed.

I observed indications of the lack of a carbon-monoxide detector in the same room as the fireplace. Correction is needed.

I observed indications of cleanouts not made of metal, pre-cast cement, or other non-combustible material. Correction is needed.

I observed indications of a material defect.

I observed indications of a major defect.

I observed indications of a minor defect.

I observed indications of a cosmetic defect.

ATTIC, INSULATION & VENTILATION

INSPECT:

___ I inspected the insulation in unfinished spaces from:

- ___ readily accessible areas
 - ___ readily accessible panels
 - ___ readily accessible doors
 - ___ readily accessible stairs
-

___ The insulation in unfinished spaces was not inspected, because it was:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
-

___ I inspected the ventilation of unfinished spaces, including attics, crawlspaces and foundation areas.

___ The ventilation of unfinished spaces was not inspected, because it was:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
-

___ I inspected the mechanical exhaust systems in the kitchen, bathrooms and laundry area.

___ The mechanical exhaust systems in the kitchen, bathrooms and laundry area were not inspected, because they were:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
-

DESCRIBE:

The type of insulation observed can be described as:

- ___ fiberglass blanket
- ___ blown-in fiberglass
- ___ loose-fill fiberglass

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- mineral rock or slag wool
 - blown-in cellulose
 - loose-fill cellulose
 - spray-foamed or foamed-in-place
 - structural insulated panel
 - concrete block insulation
 - foam board or rigid foam
 - insulated concrete forms
 - natural fibers
 - others
-

The approximate average depth of insulation observed at the unfinished attic floor area or roof structure:

The approximate average thickness of vertical insulation observed from the unfinished attic area:

REPORT:

I observed indications of the general absence of insulation or ventilation in unfinished spaces. Correction is needed.

I observed indications of a material defect.

I observed indications of a major defect.

I observed indications of a minor defect.

I observed indications of a cosmetic defect.

DOORS, WINDOWS & INTERIOR

INSPECT:

I inspected a representative number of doors and windows by opening and closing them.

A representative number of doors and windows were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected floors, walls and ceilings.

The floors, walls and ceilings were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected stairs, steps, landings, stairways and ramps.

The stairs, steps, landings, stairways and ramps were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected railings, guards and handrails.

The railings, guards and handrails were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

I inspected garage vehicle doors and the operation of garage vehicle door openers, using normal operating controls.

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___ The garage vehicle doors and the operation of garage vehicle door openers were not inspected, because they were:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
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DESCRIBE:

___ The garage vehicle door is manually-operated.

___ The garage vehicle door is installed with a garage door opener.

REPORT:

___ I observed indications of improper spacing between intermediate balusters, spindles and rails for steps, stairways, guards and railings. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of photo-electric safety sensors that did not operate properly. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of a window that was obviously fogged or displayed other indications of broken seals. Correction is needed.

___ I observed indications of a material defect.

___ I observed indications of a major defect.

___ I observed indications of a minor defect.

___ I observed indications of a cosmetic defect.

OPTIONAL SYSTEMS & COMPONENTS

DISHWASHER

I inspected the dishwasher by using normal operating controls to demonstrate one primary function.

The dishwasher was not inspected, because it was:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
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FOOD WASTE DISPOSER

I inspected the food waste disposer by using normal operating controls to demonstrate one primary function.

The food waste disposer was not inspected, because it was:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
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RANGES, COOK TOPS AND OVENS

I inspected the range, cook top and oven by using normal operating controls to demonstrate one primary function.

The range, cook top and oven were not inspected, because they were:

- inaccessible
 - unsafe
 - not present
 - not within the scope of the inspection
-

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MICROWAVE OVEN

___ I inspected the microwave oven by using normal operating controls to demonstrate one primary function.

___ The microwave oven was not inspected, because it was:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
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TRASH COMPACTOR

___ I inspected the trash compactor by using normal operating controls to demonstrate one primary function.

___ The trash compactor was not inspected, because it was:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
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DOOR BELL

___ I inspected the door bell by using normal operating controls to demonstrate one primary function.

___ The door bell was not inspected, because it was:

- ___ inaccessible
 - ___ unsafe
 - ___ not present
 - ___ not within the scope of the inspection
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LAWN AND GARDEN SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS, HOT TUBS AND EQUIPMENT

Type of construction:

OUTBUILDINGS

OUTDOOR COOKING EQUIPMENT

The energy source of the outdoor cooking equipment:

GAS SUPPLY SYSTEMS

PRIVATE WATER WELLS

The type of pump:

The type of storage equipment:

PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL (SEPTIC) SYSTEMS

The type of system:

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The location of the drainage field:

WHOLE-HOUSE VACUUM SYSTEMS

OTHER BUILT-IN APPLIANCES

SECURITY SYSTEMS
