



Wise Home Inspection's Standards of Practice



Incorporate our Seasonal Checklist into your routine maintenance plan and keep your home in optimal shape for years to come. Looking for a more indepth annual inspection? Hire Wise Home Inspections LLC. to go over your home with a magnifying glass and catch deficiencies before they become a major issue.

IN THE SPRING

- ☐ Check for damage to your roof
- ☐ Check all the fascia and trim for deterioration
- ☐ Have a professional air conditioning contractor inspect and maintain your system as recommended by the manufacturer
- ☐ Check your water heater
- ☐ Replace all extension cords that have become brittle, worn or damaged
- ☐ Check your fire extinguishers
- ☐ Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter
- ☐ Review your fire escape plan with your family
- ☐ Repair all cracked, broken or uneven driveways and walks to help provide a level walking surface
- ☐ Check the shutoff valve at each plumbing fixture to make sure they function
- ☐ Clean clothes dryer exhaust duct, damper, and space under the dryer
- ☐ Inspect and clean dust from the covers of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms





IN THE SUMMER

- ☐ Check kids playing equipment
- ☐ Check your wood deck or concrete patio for deterioration
- ☐ Check the nightlights at the top and bottom of all stairs
- ☐ Check exterior siding
- ☐ Check all window and door locks
- ☐ Check your home for water leaks.
- ☐ Check the water hoses on the clothes washer, refrigerator icemaker and dishwasher for cracks & bubbles

IN THE FALL

- ☐ Check your home for water leaks
- ☐ Have a heating professional check your heating system every year
- ☐ Protect your home from frozen pipes
- ☐ Run all gas-powered lawn equipment until the fuel is gone
- ☐ Test your emergency generator
- ☐ Have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean the flues and check your fireplace damper
- ☐ Remove bird nests from chimney flues and outdoor electrical fixtures
- ☐ Inspect and clean dust from the covers of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- ☐ Make sure the caulking around doors and windows is adequate to reduce heat/cooling loss
- ☐ Make sure that the caulking around your bathroom fixtures is adequate to prevent water from seeping into the sub-flooring





IN THE WINTER

- ☐ Clean the gutters and downspouts
- ☐ Confirm firewood at least 20 feet away from your home
- ☐ Remove screens from windows and install storm windows
- ☐ Familiarize responsible family members with the gas main valve and other appliance valves
- ☐ Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct, damper and space under the dryer
- ☐ Make sure all electrical holiday decorations have tight connections
- ☐ Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter
- ☐ Check the water hoses on the clothes washer, refrigerator icemaker and dishwasher for cracks and bubbles
- ☐ Check your water heater
- ☐ Test all AFCI and GFCI devices

