BUYER'S GUIDE · MINNESOTA REAL ESTATE

Home Inspection

Your chance to understand the home's true condition, avoid costly surprises, and move forward with complete confidence.



Once your offer is accepted, it is typically advised to have the home professionally inspected. A home inspection in Minnesota follows a **fairly standardized process**, with a few important regional considerations tied to the state's climate, building codes, and housing stock.

1 What to Expect

NON-INVASIVE EXAMINATION

A visual assessment of the property's physical structure and major systems — conducted after a purchase agreement is signed, but before closing.

TYPICALLY 2–4 HOURS

Duration varies based on the size and condition of the home. Plan to join the inspector near the end of the walkthrough to review findings in person.

REPORT IN 24–48 HOURS

You'll receive a detailed report with photos, issue descriptions, repair recommendations, and a summary distinguishing major versus minor concerns.

PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENT

The inspector evaluates all major systems and surfaces, giving you an expert-level picture of the property's current state.

2 Main Areas Covered

- ROOF
- FOUNDATION
- FRAMING
- PLUMBING
- ELECTRICAL
- HEATING & COOLING
- EXTERIOR
- INTERIOR
- + MORE

Have Questions?
I'm here to help.

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3 Why the Report Matters

01 AVOID SURPRISES

Identifies issues you may not have noticed during your home tours — giving you a clear, unbiased picture of what you're purchasing.

02 NEGOTIATE WITH CONFIDENCE

If major repairs are uncovered, the report gives us the foundation to request seller concessions or credits before closing.

03 PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Even minor items become a useful to-do list — helping you budget and prioritize projects after moving in.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW · MINNESOTA LICENSING

Minnesota does **not** require home inspection licensing, which means there are no state-licensed inspectors or official inspection standards. However, many inspectors hold voluntary certifications that demonstrate their qualifications and expertise. Always seek out a reputable, experienced inspector — don't hesitate to ask for credentials or references.

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