



CITY OF DEARBORN
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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PREPARING FOR YOUR RESIDENTIAL INSPECTION

- Make sure all areas of the house and garage are accessible for the inspector.
- Clean up exterior areas of the property. Cut the lawn, trim overgrown bushes and shrubbery.
- Remove trash, debris and non-useable items throughout property.
- Repair broken or hanging shutters, awnings, light fixtures, etc.
- Loose siding, chipped and peeling paint is not acceptable.
- Make sure fences are repaired, painted and in good condition.
- Windows must be properly glazed and sealed.
- Replace missing storm windows, screens, door knobs, handles.
- Check for leaking or dripping water supply lines and shut-off valves.
- Smoke detectors are required to be installed in each room used for sleeping, outside each room used for sleeping and in each story of a dwelling – including the basement. Smoke detectors shall be installed per manufacturer's specifications.
- Ground-fault interrupter outlets (GFI's) are required to replace existing outlets in bathrooms, existing outlets within six (6) feet of a kitchen sink, existing wall outlets in a garage and on the exterior of the property.
- Vacuum breakers, also known as backflow prevention devices, are required on laundry tubs and outdoor water spouts.
- Outlet and light switch plate covers are required over all electrical switches and outlets.
- Handrails are required on stairways with three (3) or more steps.
- Basement stairs must be enclosed by a guardrail or wall.
- Certificate from a licensed heating contractor must be submitted that indicates the heating unit was inspected and is functioning properly.