

How to “Measure” a House



This guide provides a few tips for home buyers to quickly “measure the home” during their walk through; with an inspectors eye.



Roof

Tip: Step back to the road to get a view of the roof.

Do you notice any missing or curling shingles? These are good signs to roof will need work.



Landscaping

Has the landscaping been maintained, or is everything over grown and touching the house? This indicates a lack of maintenance.



Trees Next to Houses

Tree’s shouldn’t grow to close to the home, they can damage the roof, exterior and the roots can cause problems. Are there any trees that might need to be removed?



Basement | Foundation

Use your nose when you go in the basement. Smell a damp or funky odor? It’s a good indicator of moisture problems! A few foundation cracks are normal, lots of cracks on the same wall are not.



Gutters

Do you see leaves or ‘tree debris’ sticking up out of the gutters? This indicates poor maintenance and can effect drainage.



Downspouts

Where do the gutter downspouts discharge to? Are the connections broken or do they discharge right next to the foundation? This can lead to water in the basement and other foundation issues.



Outdoor A/C Unit

Is the A/C Unit Dirty? Covered in Leaves? This indicates delayed maintenance and could reduce it’s service life. Also, look at the model tag. Is it faded and hard to read? That’s a good indication that the unit is old and may need to be replaced soon



Furnace / Heater

Take a quick look at the furnace. Is there an obvious maintenance tag left by the HVAC Techs? When was the last service date? See any rust on the cabinet? A lack of maintenance can lead to an earlier replacement.

Know Before You Buy: Is the Home Well-Maintained?

A home’s appearance tells a story. While a professional inspection is essential for the deep details, you can spot the signs of care (or neglect) right away. Save yourself from costly surprises down the road by using this guide to ‘measure’ the house today.



Take Some Notes:



What did you See?
What Concerns or Questions do you Have?



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Buy with Confidence, Not Guesswork.

Most home inspection findings are simple, straightforward fixes, but knowing which are DIY and which need a pro is key. Don't leave your investment to chance; a professional inspection gives you the clarity you need to move forward.

Good luck on finding your dream home!



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