

# Your Inspection Report



266 Roselawn Ave  
Toronto, ON M4R 1E9



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March 16, 2026

Dear Corey Wise and Alexandra G. Paquette,

RE: Report No. 96359  
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Thank you for choosing us to perform your home inspection. We hope the experience met your expectations.

The enclosed report includes an Overview tab which summarizes key findings, and the report body. The Good Advice tab provides helpful tips for looking after your home; and the Appendix tab includes valuable added benefits. You can navigate by clicking the tabs at the top of each page.

Please contact us with any questions about the report or the home itself anytime, for as long as you own your home. Our telephone and e-mail consulting services are available at no cost to you. Please watch for your follow-up e-mail. We hope you will complete our short client questionnaire.

Thanks again for choosing Carson Dunlop.

Sincerely,

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This Overview lists some (if any were identified) of the significant report items. Please read the entire report before making any decisions about the home; do not rely solely on the Overview.

The goal of a home inspection is to identify significant issues that would affect the average person's decision to buy a home. While looking for big issues we typically identify some minor defects along the way. We include these in the report as a courtesy, but please understand a home inspection is not a Technical Audit and does not include a comprehensive list of issues.

When you move into the home you may find some issues not identified in the report. That is to be expected for a number of reasons, such as furniture and storage that has been removed, changes to the property conditions, etc. Therefore, we suggest you allow roughly 1% of the value of the home annually for maintenance and repair.

## Roofing

### **SLOPED ROOFING \ Asphalt shingles**

**Condition:** • At or near end of life

**Task:** Replace

**Time:** Less than 1 year

**Cost:** \$8,000-\$16,000

## Plumbing

### **WATER HEATER \ Life expectancy**

**Condition:** • Near end of life expectancy

**Task:** Replace

**Time:** When necessary

**Cost:** \$1,000 - \$3,000 (Depends on several variables)

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Here are a few thoughts to help you stay warm, safe and dry in your home.

All homes require regular maintenance and periodic updates. Maintenance programs help keep homes safe, comfortable and efficient. Roofs, furnaces and air conditioners for example, wear out and have to be replaced. Good maintenance extends the life of these house systems. Refer to Our Advice tab for more details regarding maintenance of your home.

Water is the biggest enemy of homes, whether from leaks through the roof, walls or foundation, or from plumbing inside the home. Preventative maintenance and quick response to water problems are important to minimize damage, costs and help prevent mould.

Environmental consultants can help with issues like mould, indoor air quality and asbestos. If you need help in these areas, we can connect you with professionals.

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All recommendations in the report should be addressed by qualified specialists. Our ballpark costs and time frames are provided as a courtesy and should be confirmed with quotes from specialists. Minor costs in the report are typically under \$1,000.

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## Description

### Sloped roofing material:

- Asphalt shingles



*Asphalt shingles*



*Asphalt shingles*

### Flat roofing material:

- Modified bitumen membrane



*Modified bitumen membrane*

## Observations and Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

**Condition:** • Annual inspections are recommended (on any roof) to take care of any roof damage and/or regular maintenance items (flashings/caulking).

### SLOPED ROOFING \ Asphalt shingles

**Condition:** • At or near end of life

**Task:** Replace

**Time:** Less than 1 year

**Cost:** \$8,000-\$16,000



*Deteriorating shingles*

**Condition:** • Debris/moss

**Task:** Clean

**Time:** As soon as practical

**Cost:** Minor

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*Debris/moss*

**Condition:** • Tree branches touching roof

**Task:** Trim tree branches

**Time:** Regular maintenance

**Cost:** Minor

## **SLOPED ROOF FLASHINGS \ Skylights**

**Condition:** • Skylights are vulnerable areas

**Task:** Monitor

**Time:** Ongoing

## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Inspection limited/prevented by:** • Lack of access (Environmental - wind/rain/snow/ice)

**Inspection performed:** • With a drone

**Age determined by:** • Visual inspection

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## Description

Wall surfaces and trim: • [Brick](#) • [Wood](#) • Wood shingles • Wood siding

## Observations and Recommendations

### ROOF DRAINAGE \ Gutters

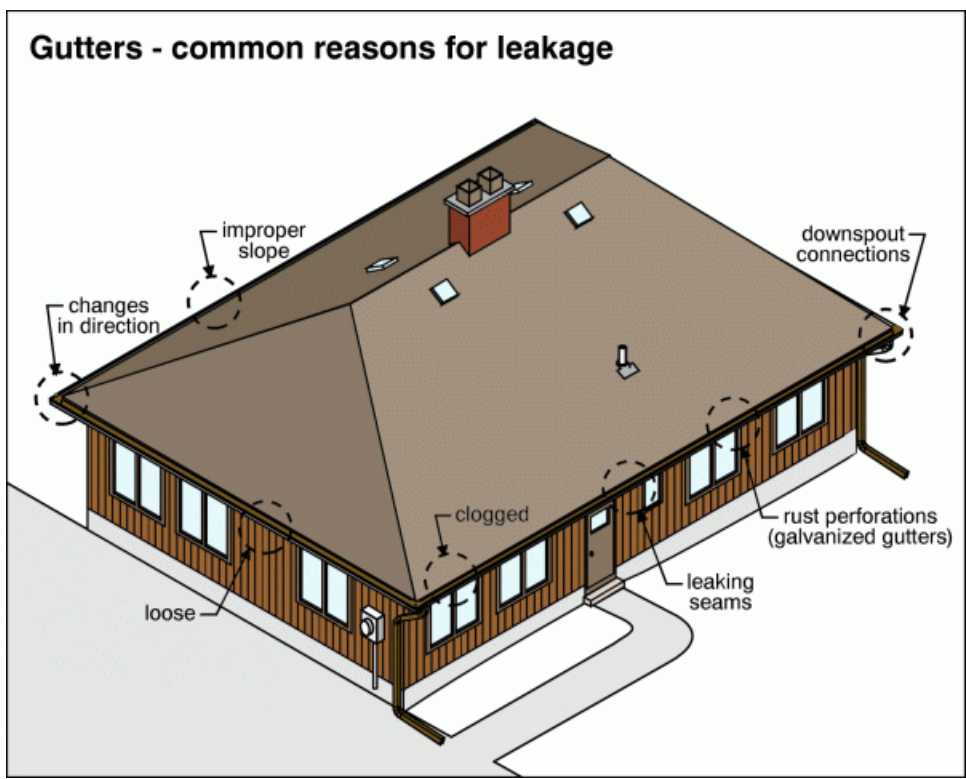
Condition: • [Clogged](#)

Location: Various

Task: Clean

Time: Regular maintenance

Cost: Minor



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*Clogged*

## WALLS \ Wood siding

**Condition:** • [Cracked, split or broken](#)

**Location:** Rear

**Task:** Repair/Replace

**Time:** As soon as practical

**Cost:** Minor



*Cracked, split or broken*



*Cracked, split or broken*

## WALLS \ Masonry (brick, stone) and concrete

**Condition:** • Masonry deterioration

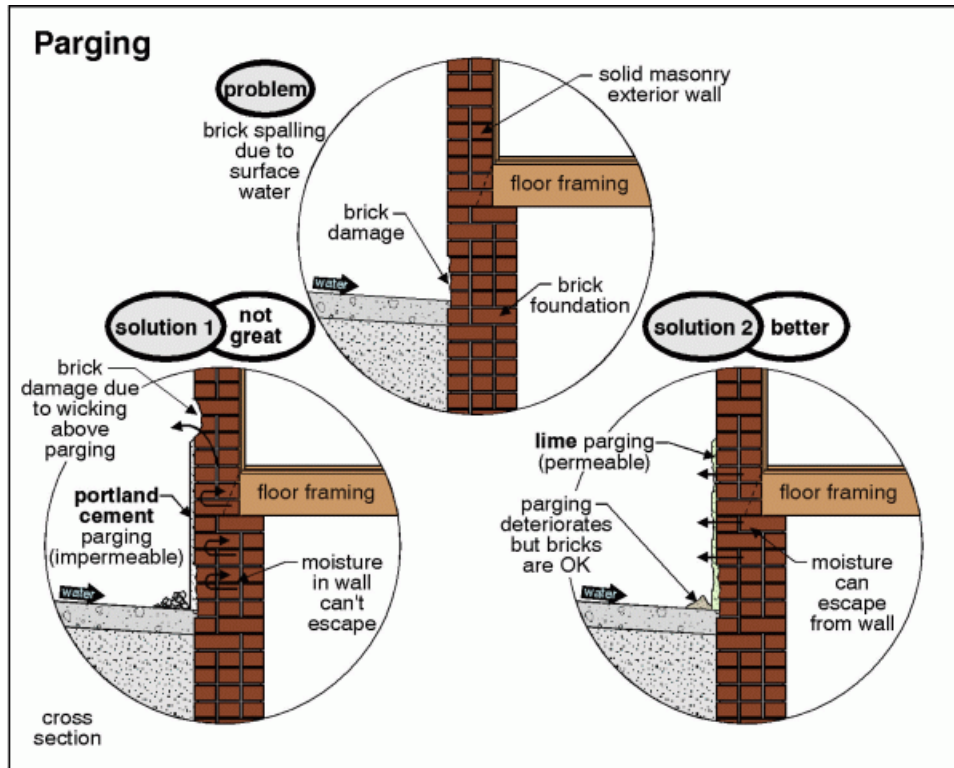
This is typically caused by snow clearing activities and/or rain over shooting the gutters.

**Location:** Left side

**Task:** Parging/Repair

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**Time:** As needed  
**Cost:** \$500-\$1,000



*Masonry deterioration*

**Condition:** • Unsealed penetrations  
**Location:** Left side at abandoned service entrance.  
**Task:** Improve/patch  
**Time:** As soon as practical

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**Cost:** Minor



*Left side*



*Unsealed gap*

## **EXTERIOR \ Window wells**

**Condition:** • Window close to grade in well

**Location:** Front

**Task:** Improve

**Time:** As soon as practical

**Cost:** Minor

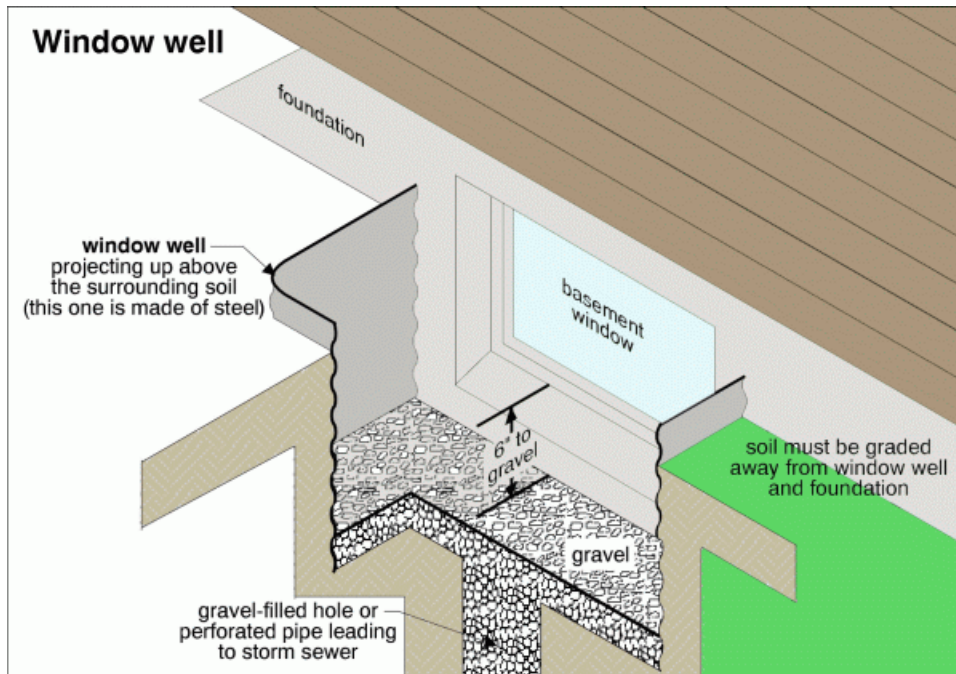
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*Window close to grade in well*

## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Inspection limited/prevented by:** • Poor access under steps, deck, porch

**Exterior inspected from:** • Ground level

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## Description

- Configuration:** • [Basement](#)
- Foundation material:** • [Brick](#)
- Floor construction:** • [Joists](#) • Subfloor - plank
- Exterior wall construction:** • [Masonry](#)
- Roof and ceiling framing:** • Not visible
- Party wall:** • [Not visible](#)

## Observations and Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

**Condition:** • Most foundation walls and masonry walls have small cracks due to minor shrinkage, settlement or shifting. These will not be individually noted, unless leakage or building movement is noted.

### FLOORS \ Concrete slabs

**Condition:** • Concrete basement, crawlspace and garage floors are not typically part of the structure. Almost all basement, crawlspace and garage concrete floors have minor shrinkage and settlement cracks.

### WALLS \ Solid masonry walls

**Condition:** • [Efflorescence](#)

This is typical of brick foundations of this age.

**Location:** Utility room

**Task:** Ensure gutters and downspouts are working properly and exterior grade slopes down away from the home. Monitor the area for evidence of moisture, particularly in the spring when snow melts or after heavy or persistent rains.



*Efflorescence / Peeling paint*

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## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Attic/roof space:** • Flat roof space - no access

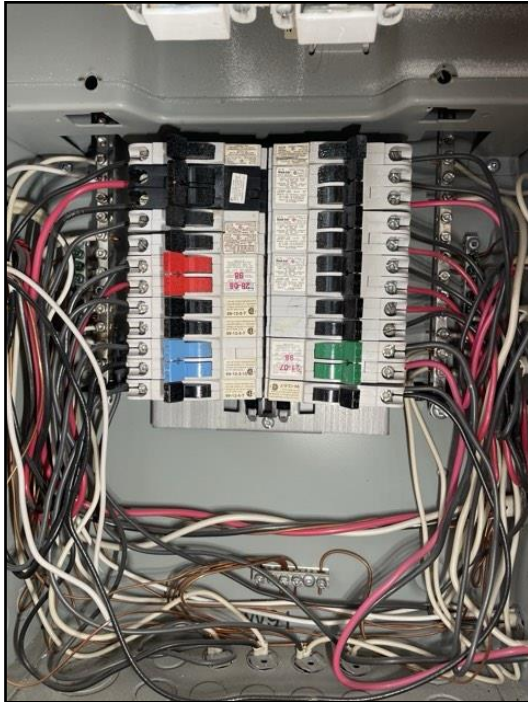
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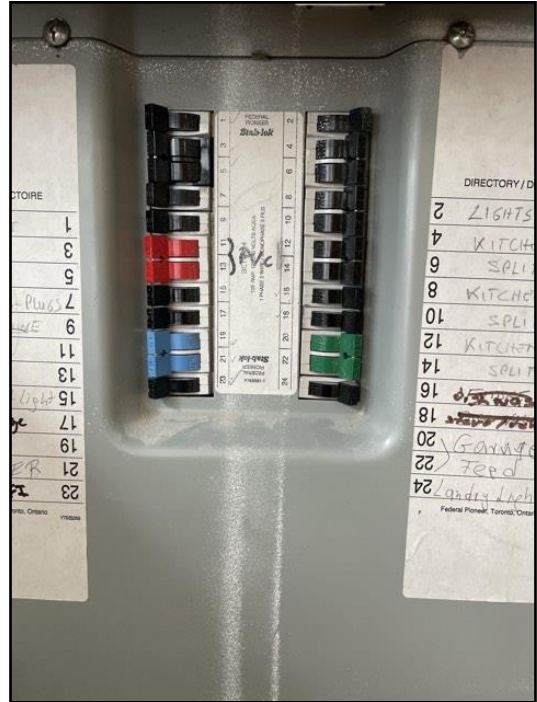
**Service size:** • [100 Amps \(240 Volts\)](#)

**Main disconnect/service box type and location:**

- [Breakers - basement](#)



*Breakers - basement*



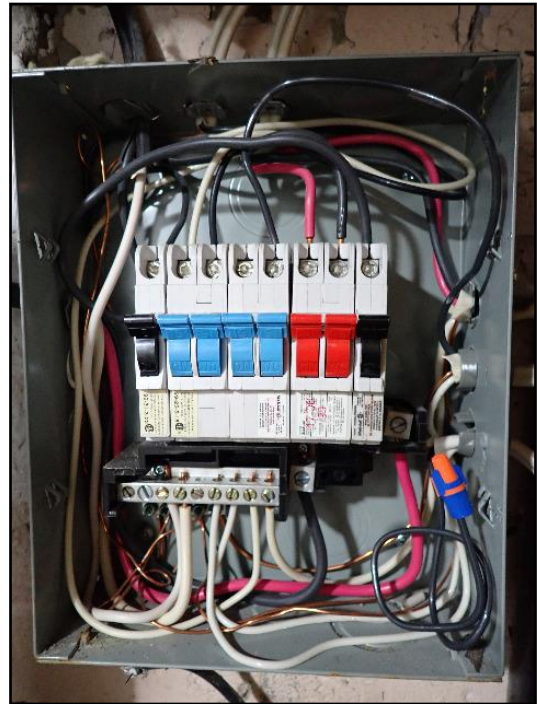
*Breakers - basement*

**Auxiliary panel (subpanel) type and location:**

- [Breakers - basement](#)



Breakers - basement



Breakers - basement

Distribution wire (conductor) material and type: • [Copper - non-metallic sheathed](#) • [Copper - metallic sheathed](#)

Circuit interrupters: Ground Fault (GFCI) & Arc Fault (AFCI): • [GFCIs present](#) • No AFCI

## Observations and Recommendations

### **RECOMMENDATIONS \ General**

**Condition:** • All electrical recommendations are safety issues. Treat them as high priority items, and consider the Time frame as Immediate, unless otherwise noted.

### **DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Outlets (receptacles)**

**Condition:** • Adding ARC Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCIs) is a cost-effective safety improvement to existing homes. AFCI's are a circuit breaker in the electrical panel. When installed they provide enhanced protection by detecting an electric arc in the circuit and will "trip or shut off" the circuit to prevent electrical fires. (cost of roughly \$100 each). They could be installed in all the bedroom circuits (as an improvement only).

**Location:** Panel

**Task:** Provide as an improvement only

**Time:** When renovating

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## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Inspection limited/prevented by:** • Main disconnect cover not removed - unsafe to do so.

## Description

### Heating system type:

- [Furnace](#)



Furnace



Furnace

Fuel/energy source: • [Gas](#)

Approximate capacity: • [60,000 BTU/hr](#)

Efficiency: • [High-efficiency](#)

Approximate age: • [7 years](#)

Typical life expectancy: • Furnace (high efficiency) 15 to 20 years

### Auxiliary heat:

- [Electric baseboard heater](#)

Office (second floor rear room)

- Radiant floor heating (electric)

Bathrooms

Fireplace/stove: • [Gas fireplace](#)

Exhaust/Chimney/vent: • [Masonry](#) • Sidewall venting

## Observations and Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

**Condition:** • It is common to feel the airflow stronger at some registers, depending on the length of the ductwork and the number of turns required to get there. Different preferences and seasons often necessitate different setups (balancing). A service agreement that covers parts and labour (for heating and cooling equipment) is typically advised.

**Location:** Throughout

**Task:** Monitor / improve

# HEATING

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## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**General:** • The inspection does not include gas leak detection, carbon monoxide testing, combustion analysis, or evaluation of internal furnace components.

**Inspection limited by:** • The performance of radiant floor heating is not determined during a home inspection.

## Description

### Air conditioning type:

- [Air cooled](#)



*Air cooled*

**Cooling capacity:** • [24,000 BTU/hr](#)

**Compressor approximate age:** • 7 years

**Typical life expectancy:** • 10 to 15 years

## Observations and Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

**Condition:** • Due to weather conditions and temperature (below 16 C) - the unit could not be tested.

### AIR CONDITIONING \ Air cooled condenser coil

**Condition:** • [Dirty](#)

**Location:** Rear

**Task:** Clean

**Time:** Spring

**Cost:** Minor



*Dirty*

## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Inspection limited by:** • Cooling systems are not operated when the outdoor temperature is below 60°F

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## Description

**Attic/roof insulation material:** • Not visible

**Attic/roof insulation amount/value:** • [Not visible](#)

**Attic/roof air/vapor barrier:** • [Not visible](#)

## Observations and Recommendations

### **RECOMMENDATIONS \ General**

**Condition:** • For the most part, insulation details are not visible/accessible

In older houses, insulation levels (and ventilation) are usually below modern standards and, in many cases, it is not practical (or cost effective) to improve it unless the opportunity presents itself (e.g. during renovations).

Any upgrade would be considered a discretionary improvement (as opposed to a repair).

Improvements may lead to lower heating/air conditioning costs and improved comfort.

## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Inspection limited/prevented by lack of access to:** • Roof space

**Inspection limited/prevented by lack of access to:** • Wall space - access not gained

**Roof ventilation system performance:** • Not evaluated

## Description

**Service piping into building:** • [Copper](#)

**Supply piping in building:** • [Copper](#)

**Main water shut off valve at the:** • Front of the basement

**Water heater type:**

• [Conventional](#)



*Conventional*

**Water heater fuel/energy source:** • [Gas](#)

**Water heater approximate age:** • 14 years

**Water heater typical life expectancy:** • 10 to 15 years

**Waste and vent piping in building:** • [ABS plastic](#) • Not visible in some areas.

**Pumps:** • [Sump pump](#)

**Floor drain location:** • Near heating system

**Backwater valve:** • Present. This valve helps prevent municipal sewers from backing up into the home. A backwater valve may help with your home owner's insurance.

## Observations and Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

**Condition:** • Many plumbing fixtures may be expected to last 15 years or more, although faucets are often replaced every 10 years.

### WATER HEATER \ Life expectancy

**Condition:** • Near end of life expectancy

**Task:** Replace

**Time:** When necessary

**Cost:** \$1,000 - \$3,000 (Depends on several variables)

### WASTE PLUMBING \ Drain piping - performance

**Condition:** • The main sewer line to the street cannot be inspected during a home inspection. A video scan dramatically reduces the risk of expensive and unhealthy sewer back-ups.

**Task:** Provide after possession of the home.

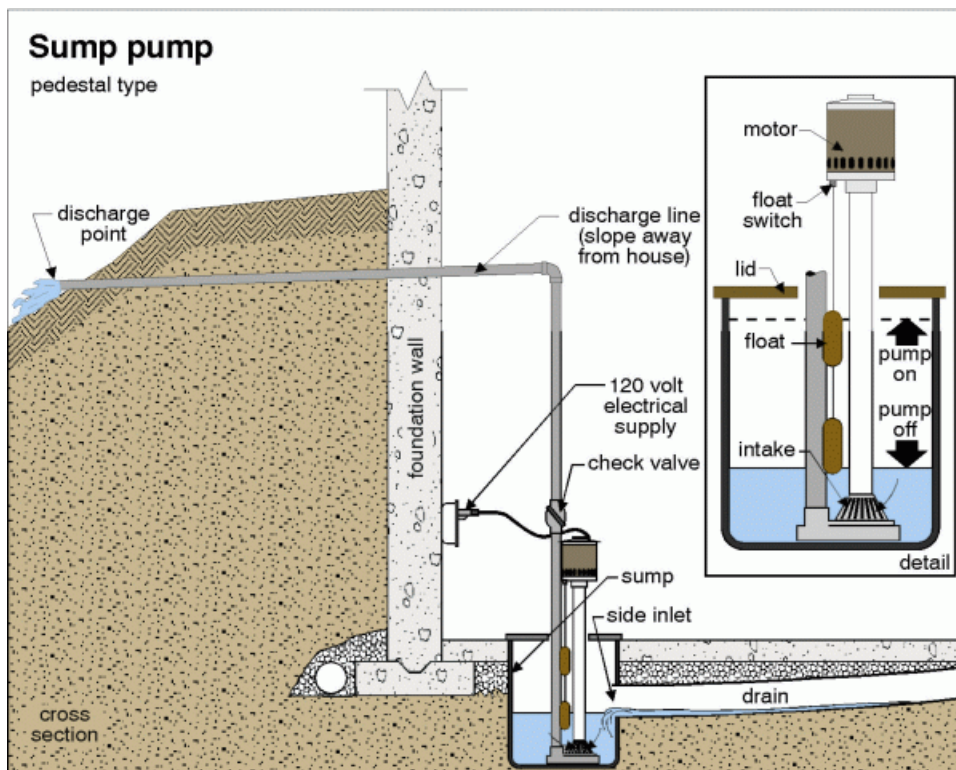
**Cost:** \$300 and up

### WASTE PLUMBING \ Sump pump

**Condition:** • [Discharges less than 6 feet from home](#)

Discharge below grade

**Location:** Front



**Condition:** • [Discharges less than 6 feet from home](#)

Below grade

**Location:** Front

**Task:** Ideally the sump discharges above grade at least 6 ft from the home

**Time:** As soon as practical

**Cost:** Minor



*Discharges less than 6 feet from home*

**Condition:** • Unable to remove lid to test sump pump. Ideally it should remain easily accessible for regular maintenance and testing.

**Task:** Improve access, Test pump

**Time:** As needed



*Sump*



*Located below cabinet base*



*In basement cabinet*

## **FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Faucet**

**Condition:** • Loose faucet

Handle is loose/broken

**Location:** Second floor shower

**Task:** Repair/replace

**Time:** As needed/desired

**Cost:** Minor



*Loose faucet*

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## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Fixtures not tested/not in service:** • Sump pump

**Items excluded from a building inspection:** • Tub/sink overflows

## Description

**General:** • Interior finishes are in good repair overall. • Interior finishes are high quality for the most part. • The newer windows help improve comfort and energy efficiency.

## Observations and Recommendations

### CEILING AND WALLS \ General notes

**Condition:** • Typical minor flaws

### FLOORS \ General notes

**Condition:** • Typical flaws

These cosmetic issues reflect normal wear and tear.

**Location:** Throughout

### BASEMENT \ Leakage

**Condition:** • Almost every basement (and crawlspace) leaks under the right conditions. Based on a one-time visit, it's impossible to know how often or severe leaks may be. While we look for evidence of past leakage during our consultation, this is often not a good indicator of current conditions. Exterior conditions such as poorly performing gutters and downspouts, and ground sloping down toward the house often cause basement leakage problems. Please read Section 10.0 in the Interior section of the Home Reference Book before taking any action. You can find this in the Reference tab at the end of the report.

To summarize, wet basement issues can be addressed in 4 steps:

1. First, ensure gutters and downspouts carry roof run-off away from the home. (relatively low cost)
2. If problems persist, slope the ground (including walks, patios and driveways) to direct water away from the home. (Low cost if done by homeowner. Higher cost if done by contractor or if driveways, patios and expensive landscaping are disturbed.)
3. If the problem is not resolved and the foundation is poured concrete, seal any leaking cracks and form-tie holes from the inside. (A typical cost is \$300 to \$600 per crack or hole.)
4. As a last resort, dampproof the exterior of the foundation, provide a drainage membrane and add/repair perimeter drainage tile. (High cost)

## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Not included as part of a building inspection:** • Carbon monoxide alarms (detectors), smoke detectors, security systems, central vacuum, window coatings and seals between panes of glass.

**Percent of interior foundation not visible:** • 99 %

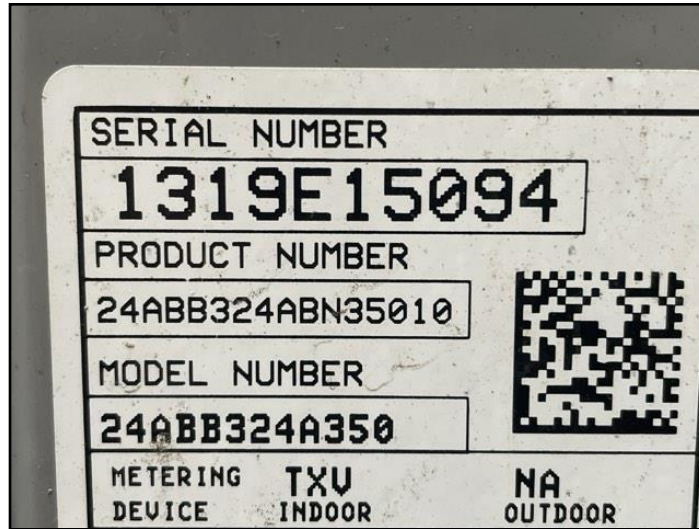
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## Description

**General:** • We include a check for product recalls on major appliances at no extra cost. You will receive a separate report from RecallChek with any notices of product recalls and who to contact to get parts replaced, often free of charge. If there are recalls down the road, you will be notified. If you replace the equipment, just let RecallChek know and you will receive recall notices on these too.

### Air Conditioner / Heat Pump:

- Carrier



Carrier

### Furnace:

- Carrier

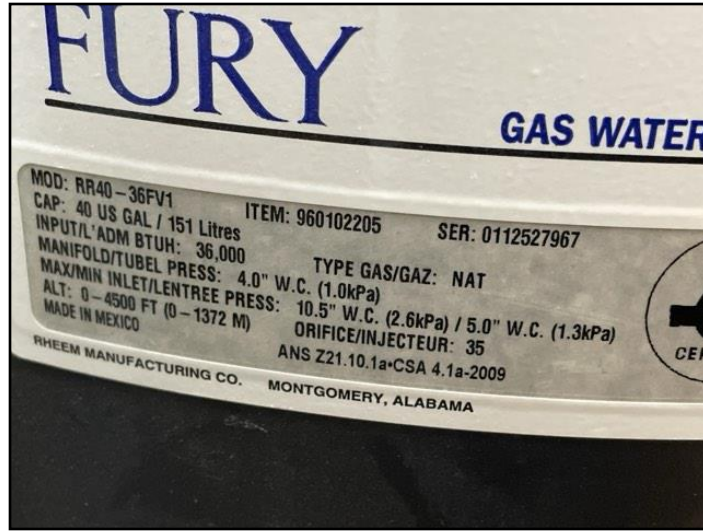


Carrier

### Water Heater:

- Rheem

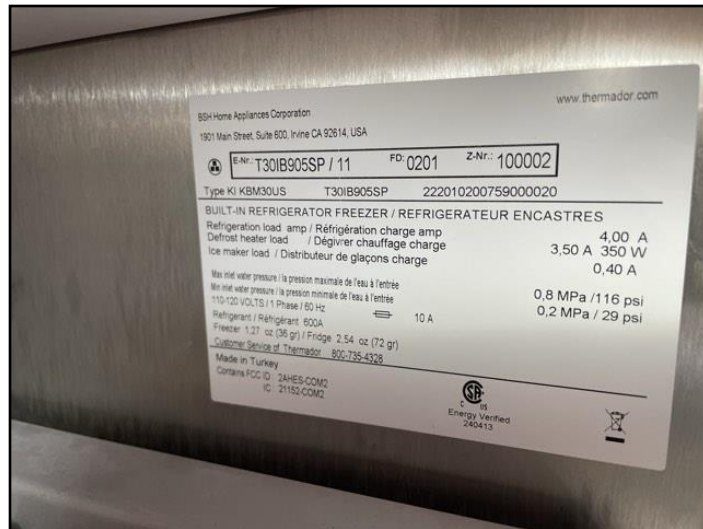
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Rheem

**Refrigerator:**

- Thermador



Thermador

**Range:**

- KitchenAid

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*KitchenAid*

**Dishwasher:**

- Thermador



*Thermador*

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**Description**

**OUR ADVICE FOR LOOKING AFTER YOUR HOME:** • Home maintenance is an important responsibility. It protects your investment, extends life expectancy and helps avoid significant expenses. This document is an integral part of the report, and will help you avoid many common problems and reduce costs.

**Priority Maintenance and Home Set-Up:** • The Home Set-Up and Maintenance chapter in the Home Reference Book provides important information regarding things that are done once when moving in, as well as regular maintenance activities.

Please be sure to follow these maintenance guidelines. The Home Reference Book is included under the REFERENCE tab in this report.

**Basement/Crawlspace Leakage:** • Basement water leakage is the most common problem with homes. Almost every basement and crawlspace leaks under the right conditions. Good maintenance of exterior grading, gutters and downspouts is critically important.

For more details, please refer to Section 10 of the Interior chapter of the Home Reference Book, which is in the REFERENCE tab in this report.

**Roof - Annual Maintenance:** • It is important to set up an annual inspection and tune-up program to minimize the risk of leakage and maximize the life of the roof. Roof leaks may occur at any time and are most often at penetrations or changes in material. A leak does not necessarily mean the roof needs to be replaced.

Roof coverings are disposable and have to be replaced from time to time. Asphalt shingles, for example, last roughly 15 years.

Also, in a mature neighborhood with mature trees, gutters and downspouts can readily become clogged with leaves and debris. Seasonal maintenance and cleaning can help promote adequate drainage from the roof structure and help keep water away from the home and foundation.

**Exterior - Annual Maintenance:** • Annual inspection of the exterior is important to ensure weather-tightness and durability of exterior components. Grading around the home should slope to drain water away from the foundation to help keep the basement dry.

Painting and caulking should be well maintained. Particular attention should be paid to horizontal surfaces where water may collect.

Joints, intersections, penetrations and other places where water may enter the building assembly should be checked and maintained regularly.

The water supply for all hose bibbs should be shut off from the interior shut-off valve(s) provided and the line(s) drained each season before winter; to help prevent potential freezing of the water supply pipe(s) and subsequent possible flooding issues.

**Garage Door Operators:** • The auto reverse mechanism on your garage door opener should be tested monthly. The door should also reverse when it meets reasonable resistance, or if the 'photo eye' beam is broken.

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**Electrical System - Label the Panel:** • Each circuit in the electrical panel should be labelled to indicate what it controls. This improves both safety and convenience. Where the panel is already labelled, the labelling should be verified as correct. Do not rely on existing labeling.

**Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters and Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters:** • These should be tested monthly using the test buttons on the receptacles or on the breakers in the electrical panel.

**Heating and Cooling System - Annual Maintenance:** • Set up an annual maintenance agreement that covers parts and labour for all heating and cooling equipment. This includes gas fireplaces and heaters, as well as furnaces, boilers and air conditioners. Include humidifiers and electronic air cleaners in the service agreement. Arrange the first visit as soon as possible after taking possession.

Check filters for furnaces and air conditioners monthly and change or clean as needed. Duct systems have to be balanced to maximize comfort and efficiency, and to minimize operating costs. Adjust the balancing for heating and cooling seasons, respectively.

For hot water systems, balancing should be done by a specialist due to the risk of leakage at radiator valves. These valves are not operated during a home inspection.

**Bathtub and Shower Maintenance:** • Caulking and grout in bathtubs and showers should be checked every 6 months, and improved as necessary to prevent leakage and water damage behind walls and below floors.

**Water Heaters:** • All water heaters should be flushed by a specialist every year to maximize performance and life expectancy. This is even more critical on tankless water heaters.

**Washing Machine Hoses:** • We suggest braided steel hoses rather than rubber hoses for connecting washing machines to supply piping in the home. A ruptured hose can result in serious water damage in a short time, especially if the laundry area is in or above a finished part of the home.

**Clothes Dryer Vents:** • We recommend that vents for clothes dryers discharge outside the home. The vent material should be smooth walled (not corrugated) metal, and the run should be as short and straight as practical. This reduces energy consumption and cost, as well as drying time for clothes. It also minimizes the risk of a lint fire inside the vent.

Lint filters in the dryer should be cleaned every time the dryer is used. There is a secondary lint trap in many condominiums. These should be cleaned regularly. There may also be a duct fan controlled by a wall switch. The fan should be ON whenever the dryer is used.

Dryer ducts should be inspected annually and cleaned as necessary to help reduce the risk of a fire, improve energy efficiency and reduce drying times.

**Fireplace and Wood Stove Maintenance:** • Wood burning appliances and chimneys should be inspected and cleaned before you use them, and annually thereafter. We recommend that specialists with a WETT (Wood Energy Technology Transfer, Inc.) designation perform this work. Many insurance companies require a WETT inspection for a property with a wood burning device.

**Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors/Alarms:** • Smoke detectors are required at every floor level of every home, including basements and crawlspaces. Even if these are present when you move into the home, we recommend replacing the detectors. We strongly recommend photoelectric smoke detectors rather than ionization type detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors should be provided adjacent to all sleeping areas.

These devices are not tested during a home inspection. Detectors should be tested every 6 months, and replaced every 10 years. Batteries for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced annually. If unsure of the age of a smoke detector, it should be replaced.

**Backwater Valve:** • A backwater valve protects your home from a backup of the municipal sewer system. The valve may be equipped with an alarm to notify you of a backup. Please note: if the valve is closed due to a municipal sewer backup, you cannot use the plumbing fixtures in the home. The waste water is unable to leave the building and will back up through floor drains and the lowest plumbing fixtures. • The valve should be inspected and cleaned as necessary at least twice a year.

**Sump Pump:** • A sump pump collects storm water below the basement floor and discharges it safely to the exterior to prevent flooding. The discharge point should be at least 6 feet (2 m) away from the home. Best installations include backup power for the sump pump, so it will work in the event of a power outage. A high water alarm in the sump pump will notify you if the pump fails. Some installations include a backup pump.

The sump and pump should be inspected and tested four times a year.

**For condominium owners:** • Condominium owners - Maintenance and Repairs: There are two types of repairs that may be performed in a condo - repairs to an individual condo unit and repairs to common elements. Common elements are set out in the Condominium Declaration and will differ from one building to another. If repairs must be made inside your unit, you are responsible for making the repairs at your own expense. You are also responsible for the ongoing maintenance of your unit. The condominium corporation's board of directors is responsible for maintenance and repair of the common elements. Exclusive-use common elements, such as parking spaces or balconies are generally maintained by the condominium board.

**Be Ready for Emergencies:** Be sure you know where to shut off the water. Some condos have more than one shut off, and others need a special tool (key) to turn off water. Label each circuit on the electrical panel, and make sure you should know how to turn off the power. Keep a fire extinguisher suitable for grease fires near the kitchen.

**Property Manager and Concierge/Security:** Keep the contact information for these folks handy (perhaps on your phone) wherever you are. • Lint filters in the dryer should be cleaned every time the dryer is used. There is a secondary lint trap in many condominiums. These should be cleaned regularly. There may also a duct fan controlled by a wall switch. The fan should be ON whenever the dryer is used.

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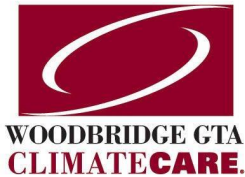
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## THREE STEPS TO COST-EFFECTIVE HOME FLOOD PROTECTION

Complete these 3 steps to reduce your risk of flooding and lower the cost of cleanup if flooding occurs. For items listed under step 3 check with your municipality about any permit requirements and the availability of flood protection subsidies. *\*Applicable only in homes with basements*

### Step 1: Maintain What You've Got at Least Twice per Year

Do-it-Yourself for \$0

Remove debris from nearest storm drain or ditch & culvert

Clean out eaves troughs

Check for leaks in plumbing, fixtures and appliances

Test your sump pump\*

Clean out your backwater valve

### Step 2: Complete Simple Upgrades

Do-it-Yourself for Under \$250

Install window well covers (where fire escape requirements permit)\*

Extend downspouts and sump discharge pipes at least 2m from foundation

Store valuables and hazardous materials in watertight containers & secure fuel tanks

Remove obstructions to floor drain

Install and maintain flood alarms

### Step 3: Complete More Complex Upgrades

Work with a Contractor for Over \$250

Install window wells that sit 10-15cm above ground and upgrade to water resistant windows\*

Disconnect downspouts, cap foundation drains and extend downspouts to direct water at least 2m from foundation

Correct grading to direct water at least 2m away from foundation

Install backwater valve

Install backup sump pump and battery\*

*Note: Not all actions will be applicable to each home. Completing these steps does not guarantee the prevention of flooding.*



# Basement Flood Protection Checklist

Take these steps to reduce your risk of basement flooding and reduce the cost of cleaning up after a flood. Remember to check with your municipality about the availability of basement flood protection subsidies. Check with your insurer about discounts for taking action to reduce flood risk.

## 1. Maintain Your Home’s Flood Protection Features at Least Twice Per Year

SPRING FALL

- Remove debris from nearest storm drain
- Clean out eaves troughs
- Test sump pump(s) and backup power source
- Clean out backwater valve
- Maintain plumbing, appliances and fixtures
- Test flood alarms

## 2. Keep Water Out of Your Basement

- Correct grading to direct water at least 2m away from your foundation
- Extend downspouts and sump discharge pipes to direct water at least 2m away from your foundation or to the nearest drainage swale
- Install window well covers
- Install window wells that are 10-15cm above the ground and are sealed at the foundation
- Install water-resistant basement windows
- Install a backwater valve (work with a plumber and get required permits)

## 3. Prepare to Remove Any Water from Your Basement as Quickly as Possible

- Remove obstructions to the basement floor drain
- Install a back-up sump pump and power source

## 4. Protect Personal Belongings in Your Basement

- Store valuables in watertight containers or remove
- Store hazardous materials (paints, chemicals) in watertight containers or remove
- Raise electronics off the floor
- Select removable area rugs and furnishings that have wooden or metal legs

*Note: Not all actions will be applicable to each home. Completing these steps does not guarantee the prevention of basement flooding.*

The links below connect you to a series of documents that will help you understand your home and how it works. These are in addition to links attached to specific items in the report.

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