

# Eagles Eye Home Inspection

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## HOME INSPECTION REPORT

Client(s): XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Property address: XXXXXXXXXXXXX  
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Inspection date: XXXXXXXXXXXXX








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### How to Read this Report

This report is organized by the property's functional areas. Within each functional area, descriptive information is listed first and shown in bold type. Items of concern follow descriptive information and are shown as follows:

	<b>Safety</b>	Poses a risk of injury or death
	<b>Repair/Replace</b>	Recommend repairing or replacing
	<b>Repair/Maintain</b>	Recommend repair and/or maintenance
	<b>Minor defect</b>	Correction likely involves only a minor expense
	<b>Maintain</b>	Recommend ongoing maintenance
	<b>Evaluate</b>	Recommend evaluation by a specialist
	<b>Comment</b>	For your information

Concern items are sorted by the types listed above. [Click here](#) for a glossary of building construction terms.

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### General information

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**Overview:** Standard home inspection of a single family dwelling.

**Structures inspected:** House and Grounds

**Seller's name:** Unknown

**Report number:** 38

**Time started:** 2PM

**Time finished:** 4:30

**Inspection Fee:** xxxxx

**Occupied:** No

**Age of building:** 1 years old

**Type of building:** Single family

**Weather conditions:** Clear

**Temperature:** Cool

**Ground condition:** Dry

**Main entrance faces:** West

**Foundation type:** Crawlspace

**The following items are excluded from this inspection:** Security system

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### Exterior

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**Footing material:** Not visible

**Foundation material:** Poured in place concrete, Concrete block

**Apparent wall structure:** Wood frame


**Wall covering:** Brick veneer


**Driveway material:** Poured in place concrete

**Sidewalk material:** Poured in place concrete

**Exterior door material:** Solid core fiberglass

**Water pressure (psi):** Water service not on doing inspection

 **1)** The perimeter grading slopes towards the structure in one or more areas. This can result in water accumulating around the structure's foundation, or in basements and crawl spaces if they exist. Accumulated water is a conducive condition to wood destroying insects and organisms. Wet soil may also cause the foundation to settle and possibly fail over time. Recommend grading soil so it slopes down and away from the structure with a slope of at least 5% (10% or better is optimal) for at least 6 feet.

 **2)** One or more crawlspace vents are below or too low to grade with no well to prevent rainwater from entering. This can lead to water entering and accumulating in the crawl space, and is a conducive condition for wood destroying insects and organisms. Recommend raising vent above grade or

installing or constructing wells at below-grade crawlspace vents.



**Photo 5**

This vent is installed too low to the ground. Water can enter into crawl space if this area floods. Recommend raising crawl space vent higher if possible.



**Photo 6**

Vent installed too low to ground. Water can enter into crawl space.



**3)** The finish on the deck is worn and/or deteriorated. Recommend cleaning and staining deck also replace damage boards and nail down lifting decking boards.



**Photo 11**


Decking boards lifting and deck need treating with weather protection.



**Photo 12**




**Photo 13**

 **4)** Caulk is missing or deteriorated in some areas. Recommend caulking where necessary. Need clear caulk around all windows and around garage door.



**Photo 7**

Caulk gaps around garage door with clear caulk.

 **5)** Recommend cleaning deck and treating with a waterproof sealant claiming to waterproof, block ultraviolet light, and stop mildew. Consumer Reports recommends these products:

- Cabot Decking Stain and PTW Stain
- Olympic Water Repellent Deck Stain
- Thompson's House and Deck Stain
- Wolman PTW Deck Stain
- Akzo Sikkens Cetol DEK
- Benjamin Moore Moorwood Clear Wood Finish
- DAP Woodlife Premium
- Olympic Natural Look Protector Plus

**6)** Gutter elbow not attached.



**Photo 3**

Gutter elbow not attached.



**Photo 4**

## Roof

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**Roof inspection method:** Viewed from ground with binoculars

**Roof type:** Gable

**Roof covering:** Asphalt or fiberglass composition shingles

**Estimated age of roof:** 3 to 4 years old

**Gutter & downspout material:** Aluminum

**Roof ventilation:** Adequate

## Attached garage

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7) One or more garage vehicle doors are damaged. Recommend having a qualified contractor make repairs as necessary.

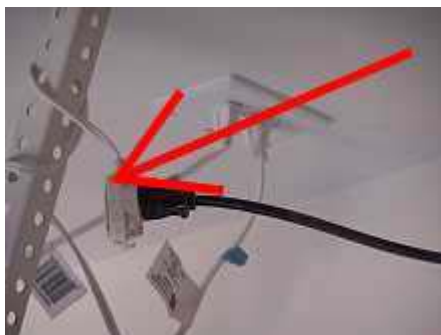


**Photo 8**

Garage door bent at this section.



8) Recommend installing electrical receptacle closer to garage door openers. This will allow enough room to plug-in electrical cord without using a extension cord.



**Photo 43**

## Electric service

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**Primary service type:** Underground

**Primary service overload protection type:** Circuit breakers

**Service amperage (amps):**

**Service voltage (volts):** 120-240

**Location of main service panel:** Inside Garage

**Location of main disconnect:** Breaker at top of main service panel

**Service conductor material:** Aluminum

**Main disconnect rating (amps):** 200

**Smoke detectors present:** Yes



9) One or more smoke detectors are emitting "chirping" noises, indicating that batteries need changing. Recommend changing the batteries in all the smoke detectors now and annually in the future. For more information on smoke detectors, please review the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Document #5077 [Test All Smoke Alarms \(Detectors\) and Annually Replace Batteries](#)  
[Develop and Rehearse an Escape Plan.](#)

## Water heater

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**Estimated age:** 1 years old

**Type:** Tank

**Energy source:** Natural gas

**Capacity (in gallons):** 40

**Brand & model:** A.O. Smith

**Water temperature (degrees Fahrenheit):** Water service not on could not check



**10)** Never allow water temperature greater than 120 degrees fahreinit. Recommend adjusting thermostat so water temperature doesn't exceed 120 degrees to avoid scalding danger. For more information on scalding dangers, visit <http://www.tap-water-burn.com/>

## Heating and air conditioning

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**Heating system energy source:** Natural gas

**Heat system type:** Forced air

**A/C energy source:** Natural Gas

**Distribution system:** Flexible ducts

**Brand & model:** Trane XB80

**Filter location:** Behind return air grill



**11)** Last service date of this system is more than two years ago or is unable to be determined. Recommend asking seller when it was last serviced. If unable to determine or if more than two years ago, recommend that this system be inspected, cleaned, serviced and repaired if necessary by a qualified heating and cooling technician. Recommend that this servicing be made every two years in the future or as recommended by the heating and cooling contractor.



**12)** This system is equipped with throw-away filter(s). They appear to be dirty. Recommend replacing filter(s) now and every 2 months in the future if the thermostat's fan position is set to "Auto", or monthly if it's set to "On".



**13)** Recommend that this system be inspected, cleaned, serviced and repaired if necessary by a qualified heating and cooling technician annually in the future.

## Attic

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**Inspection method:** Traversed

**Roof structure type:** Rafters

**Ceiling structure:** Ceiling beams

**Insulation material:** Rockwool loose fill

**Insulation depth:** 12

**Insulation rating:** R30



**14)** Pull-down stairs are installed for the attic access. Insulation is installed in the center of stairs, but no weatherstripping is installed around the hatch perimeter. To reduce air leakage, recommend installing weatherstripping and an insulated hatch cover. An example of one can be seen at <http://www.batticdoor.com/>

Interior air leaking into the attic results in heating and cooling losses, increased energy costs, and a possible increase in moisture levels in the attic due condensation forming on the underside of the roof sheathing during cold weather.

## Plumbing and laundry

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**Location of main water shut-off valve:** Outside of Home

**Location of main water meter:** Outside of home

**Location of main fuel shut-off:** Outside of home

**Water service:** Public


**Service pipe material:** Not visible

**Supply pipe material:** Copper

**Vent pipe material:** Plastic

**Drain pipe material:** Plastic


**Waste pipe material:** Not visible

 **15)** No expansion tank is installed on this structure's water supply system. Expansion tanks are recommended when a structure is serviced by a public water supply system and the structure's water system is "closed" via a Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV), Check Valve, or Back Flow Preventer. No room for expansion exists in this type of system. Thermal expansion occurs when water is heated during non-use periods. In a closed system with no provision for expansion, its effects may include:

- Backflow into the water main
- Damage to water heater connections, gas water heater flue tubes and pumps serving washers and dishwashers
- Leaking faucets
- "Weeping" of water through the water heater temperature-pressure relief (TPR) valve
- Noisy water hammer in the pipes.

Expansion tanks can eliminate these problems by giving water a place to go when thermal expansion occurs. When a water heating cycle ends, or when any fixture is opened within the system, the impact of thermal expansion is reduced, and water drains out of the expansion tank back into the system.

Recommend having a qualified, licensed plumber install an expansion tank as per standard building practices.

 **16)** The washing machine is installed over a finished living space and has no catch pan or drain installed. These aren't commonly installed, but they're recommended to prevent water damage to finished interior spaces below if or when the washing machine leaks, overflows or is drained. Recommend having a qualified contractor install both a catch pan and drain.

## Fireplaces and solid fuel burning appliances

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**Fireplace type:** Metal prefabricated

**Chimney type:** Masonry

## Crawl space

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**Inspection method:** Viewed from hatch

**Insulation material underneath floor above:** Fiberglass roll or batt

**Pier or support post material:** Wood, Concrete

**Beam material:** Solid wood

**Floor structure above:** Solid wood joists

**Vapor barrier present:** Yes, replace all Vapor barrier. Crawl space flooded with water.



**17)** The crawl space is flooded with water. Recommend pumping water out to evaluate damages and remove all plastic barrier so that crawl space can dry out. After crawl space has dried out, recommend that a heating and air specialist evaluate A/C unit in crawl space for damage. Recommend having a structural engineer examine foundation. Insulation should be removed/replaced. Recommend having a mold test done in crawl space.



**Photo 14**

Standing water in crawl space.  
Water is 3" to 4" Deep.



**Photo 15**

Crawl space flooded.



**Photo 17**

Plastic not installed correctly. Should lay flat with no gaps.



**Photo 18**

Wood blocks helping to hold-up sub floor.





**Photo 19**

Recommend inspecting home for mold. Mold will form within 24 to 48 hour. The water need to be removed ASAP and remove 6 mil. plastic on ground under house and have the problem evaluated to determine what caused the flooding. This might have been an ungoing problem. It might be a spring--on the property that only occurs when the water table rises--- It might have clogged gutter..bad grading around the house/foundation--a underground water leak--neighbor might have his/her gutter run off going toward the house.. a broken plumbing line. Find the source ASAP to fix the problem.



**Photo 20**

3" to 4" of water at this area.



**Photo 21**



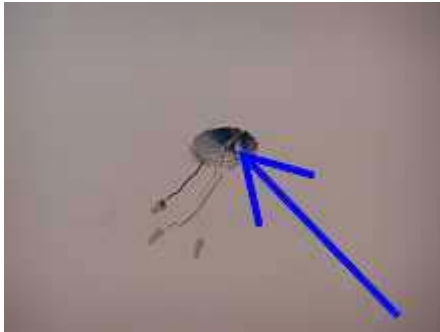
**18)** Vapor barrier needs repair. Recommend repairing vapor barrier so no exposed soil exists in the crawlspace. Recommend using 6 mil polyethylene with seams overlapped at least 24".



**19)** Some insulation on the water pipes in the crawl space is damaged, deteriorated and/or missing. Recommend repairing or installing insulation on water pipes where necessary for better energy efficiency and to prevent water pipes from freezing.



**20)** One or more light fixtures are missing. Recommend having a qualified electrician evaluate and repair or replace fixture(s) as necessary.



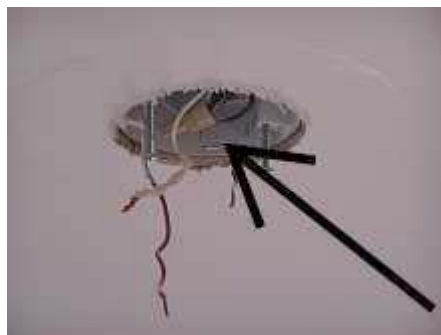
**Photo 25**



**Photo 26**



**Photo 27**



**Photo 39**



**21)** Water stains visible in ceiling, apparently or possibly from an active/previous leak from a plumbing pipe or jetted tub/shower. Recommend asking seller if leak was repaired. Recommend removing wet wallboard or plaster and replacing with new after area has dried thoroughly. Recommend doing a mold test on home.



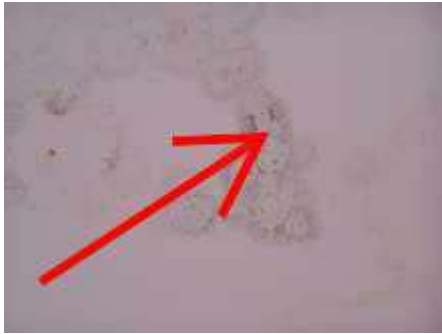
**Photo 28**

Recommend doing a swab mold test and air sample test inside home. See other pictures.



**Photo 29**

Water stains



**Photo 30**



**Photo 31**  
Damaged ceiling.



**Photo 33**  
Water stain on base board.



**Photo 34**



**Photo 35**  
Water stain



**Photo 36**



**Photo 37**



**Photo 41**

Ceiling patched. Might be due to a previous/active plumbing leak.



**Photo 42**

Recommend doing a mold swab test on this spot.



**22)** Screen(s) missing in all windows. Window(s) may not provide ventilation during months when insects are active. Recommend installing screens.



**23)** One or more doors don't latch when closed. Recommend making repairs as necessary such as adjusting latch plates or lockset mechanisms. Front and back door.



**24)** One or more doors bind in their jambs. Recommend making repairs as necessary so they close easily.



**Photo 9**

Caulk gaps around both garage door with clear silicone caulk.



**Photo 10**

No vent cover installed.



**Photo 16**



**Photo 22**

Wood bracing sub floor.

Joist could have been installed better and joist braced incorrectly with a wood block at entrance door. No crawl space door installed.



**Photo 23**  
Storm drain



**Photo 24**  
Siding coming loose on front porch.



**Photo 32**  
Dishwasher line not attached



**Photo 38**  
Hole in wall from front door. No door stopper installed.



**Photo 40**  
Tile cracked around toilet near floor.

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