Inspection Report

1234 Main Street Whoville, MI 98098

PREPARED FOR:

MR & MRS JOHN Q. NELSON

INSPECTION DATE:

Friday, July 29, 2016

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Description

Sloped roofing material: • Asphalt shingles

Probability of leakage: • Medium

Limitations

Inspection performed: • By walking on roof • From the ground

Recommendations

SLOPED ROOFING \ Asphalt shingles

1. Condition: • Heat tape indicates ice damming issues. Properly install insulation is needed above rear wall. Get disclosure regarding leakage/ice dams



1. Heat tape indicates ice damming issues



2. Heat tape indicates ice damming issues

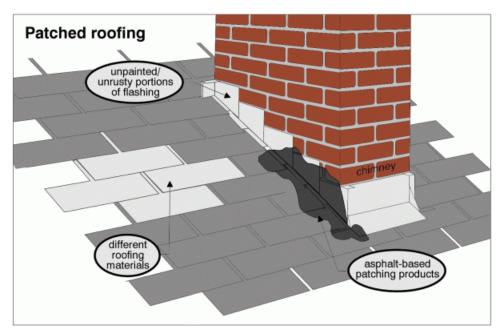
2. Condition: • Patched

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

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3. Patched

SLOPED ROOF FLASHINGS \ Flashings

3. Condition: • Inspect & repair, as needed.

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

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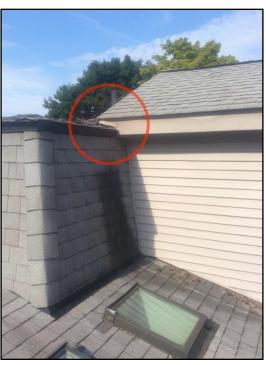
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4. Poor drainage arrangement



5. Inspect & repair, as needed

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Description

Gutter & downspout material: • Aluminum Gutter & downspout type: • Eave mounted

Gutter & downspout discharge: • Below grade

Lot slope: • Away from building • Towards building

Wall surfaces - masonry: • Brick

Wall surfaces and trim: • Vinyl siding • Asphalt shingles

Soffit and fascia: • Aluminum • Vinyl

Driveway: • Asphalt Walkway: • Concrete

Porch: • Concrete • Pavers Balcony: • Plastic railings Patio: • Concrete • Pavers

Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by:

• Car/storage in garage



6. Car/storage in garage

· Vines/shrubs/trees against wall

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7. Vines/shrubs/trees against wall

8. Vines/shrubs/trees against wall

Upper floors inspected from: • Ground level **Exterior inspected from:** • Ground level

Recommendations

ROOF DRAINAGE \ Gutters

4. Condition: • Missing

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure



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9. Missing 10. Missing



11. Missing

WALLS \ Brick, stone and concrete

5. Condition: • Cracked

Wood is improperly protected in this area

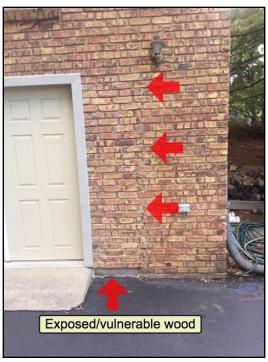
Implication(s): Chance of water entering building | Weakened structure | Chance of movement

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12. Previous patched cracked

EXTERIOR GLASS \ Sashes

6. Condition: • Rot

Implication(s): Material deterioration Location: Both Garage Windows



13. Rot

EXTERIOR GLASS \ Window well drains

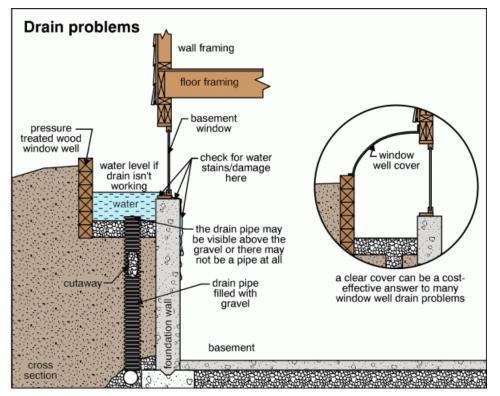
7. Condition: • Missing

Install well covers

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Material deterioration

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14. Missing

DOORS \ Doors and frames

8. Condition: • Installed backwards

Implication(s): Chance of damage to finishes and structure | Reduced system life expectancy

Location: Garage

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15. Installed backwards

9. Condition: • Stiff Very stiff / poor fit

Implication(s): Chance of damage to finishes



16. Stiff

PORCHES, DECKS, STEPS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Floors

10. Condition: • Concrete cracked

Implication(s): Chance of damage to structure | Material deterioration | Trip or fall hazard

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17. Concrete cracked

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PORCHES, DECKS, STEPS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Handrails and guards

11. Condition: • Loose Implication(s): Fall hazard

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PORCHES, DECKS, STEPS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Patios

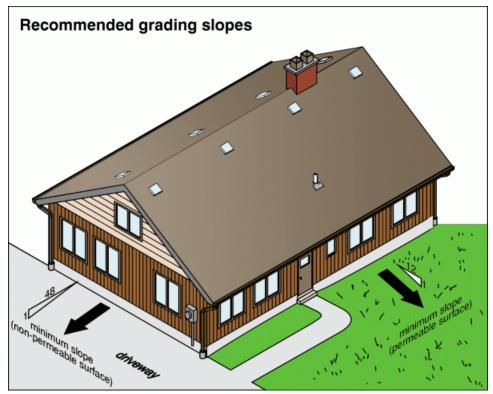
12. Condition: • Slope toward building

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

LANDSCAPING \ Driveway

13. Condition: • Improper slope or drainage

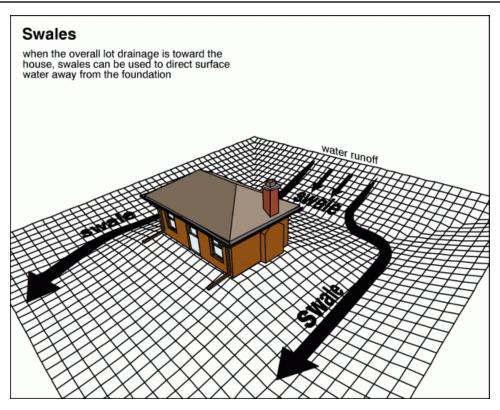
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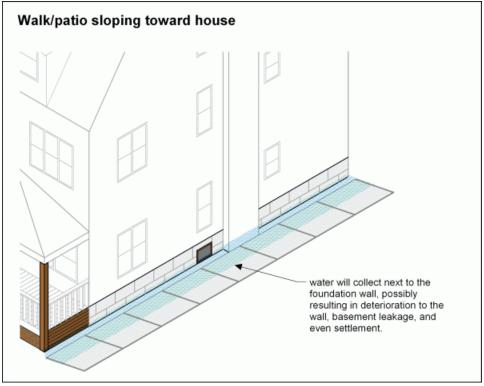


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18. Improper slope or drainage

LANDSCAPING \ General

14. Condition: • Tree branches should not be in contact with the roof. Cut them back



19. Cut tree branches from roof

15. Condition: • Trees or shrubs too close to building

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Chance of pests entering building | Material deterioration

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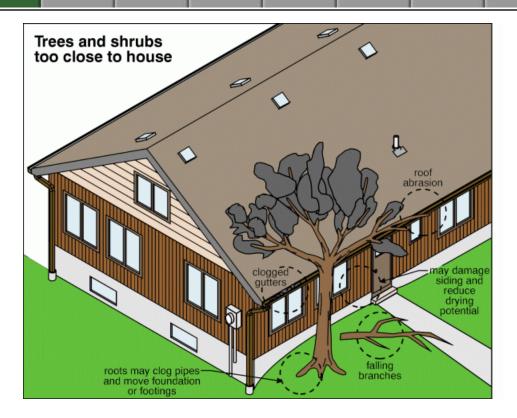
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LANDSCAPING \ Retaining wall

16. Condition: • Rot or insect damage

Implication(s): Weakened structure | Chance of movement

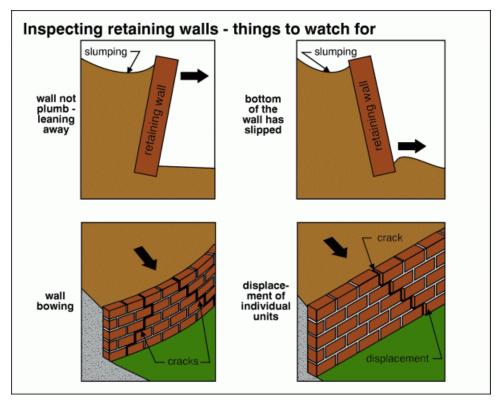


20. Rot or insect damage

17. Condition: • Leaning

Implication(s): Weakened structure | Chance of movement

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21. Leaning

GARAGE \ Floor

18. Condition: • Missing curb safety barrier

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22. Missing curb safety barrier

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Description

Configuration: • Basement • Crawl space
Foundation material: • Masonry block

Floor construction: • Joists • Steel columns • Steel beams • Subfloor - plywood

Exterior wall construction: • <u>Wood frame, brick veneer</u>

Roof and ceiling framing: • <u>Trusses</u> • <u>Plywood sheathing</u>

Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by:

• Wall, floor and ceiling coverings



23. Wall, floor and ceiling coverings

Storage

Attic/roof space: • Inspected from access hatch
Crawl space: • Inspected from access hatch
Percent of foundation not visible: • 50 %



24. Wall, floor and ceiling coverings

Recommendations

FLOORS \ Joists

19. Condition: • Weak cantilevers

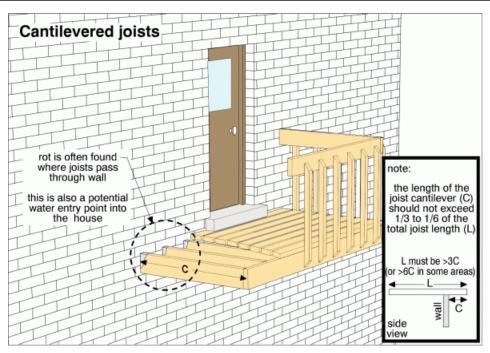
Structural balcony concerns need to be evaluated by a qualified contractor. Floor is not level

Implication(s): Weakened structure | Chance of structural movement

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25. Weak cantilevers

WALLS \ Masonry veneer walls

20. Condition: • Cracked

Implication(s): Weakened structure



26. Weak cantilevers

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27. Cracked 28. Cracked

ROOF FRAMING \ Rafters/trusses

21. Condition: • Unconventional construction, ridge board should not be sloped

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29. Unconventional construction

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Description

Service entrance cable and location: • Underground - not visible

System grounding material and type: • Copper - ground rod

Distribution panel rating: • 200 Amps

Distribution panel type and location: • Breakers - basement

Auxiliary panel (subpanel) rating: • 200 Amps

Auxiliary panel (subpanel) type and location: • Breakers - basement

Distribution wire material and type: • Copper - non-metallic sheathed

Type and number of outlets (receptacles): • Grounded - typical

Circuit interrupters: Ground Fault (GFCI) & Arc Fault (AFCI): • No AFCI • GFCI - kitchen • GFCI - bathroom and

exterior

Limitations

System ground: • Continuity not verified • Quality of ground not determined

Circuit labels: • The accuracy of the circuit index (labels) was not verified.

Recommendations

General

22. • It is considered safe practice to bond the hot, cold and gas pipe above the hot water tank.

SERVICE BOX, GROUNDING AND PANEL \ Distribution panel

23. Condition: • Poor access Implication(s): Difficult to service

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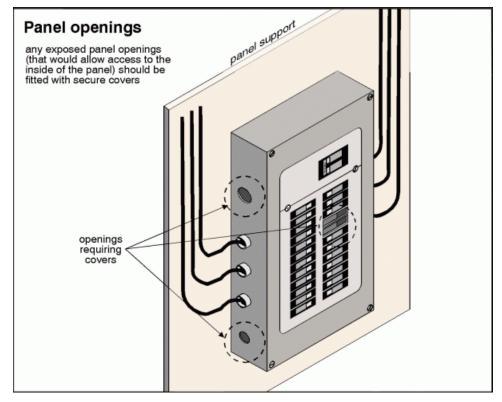
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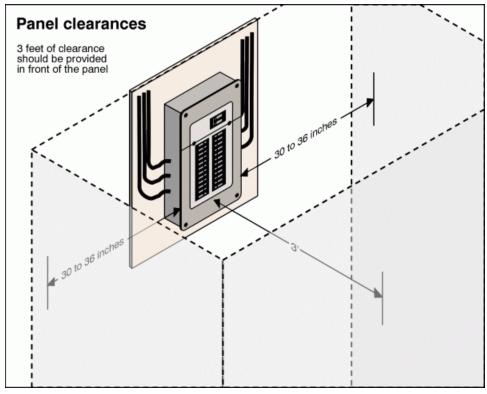
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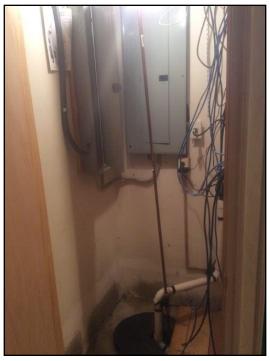
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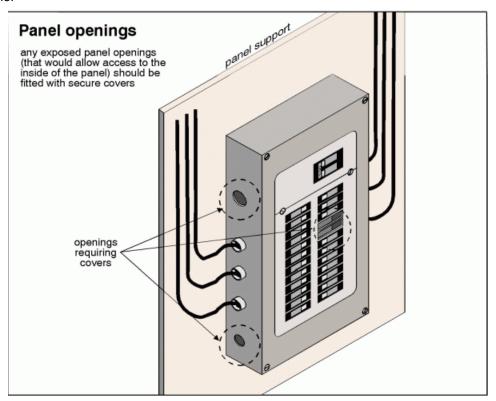


30. Poor access

24. Condition: • Openings in panel

Implication(s): Electric shock | Fire hazard

Location: Sub panel



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SERVICE BOX, GROUNDING AND PANEL \ Distribution fuses/breakers

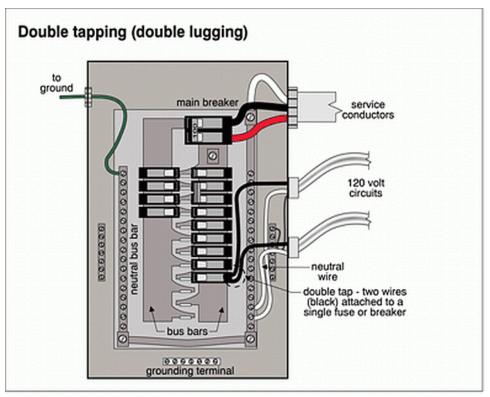
25. Condition: • Cycle all breakers Off-On every 6 months to clean/exercise contacts

SERVICE BOX, GROUNDING AND PANEL \ Panel wires

26. Condition: • Double taps

Have electrician thoroughly evaluate both panels

Implication(s): Fire hazard Location: Main panel board



27. Condition: • Anti-oxidant missing on aluminum wire

Implication(s): Fire hazard Location: Main panel board

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Outlets (receptacles)

28. Condition: • Obstruction

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31. Obstruction

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29. Condition: • Inoperative

Implication(s): Equipment inoperative



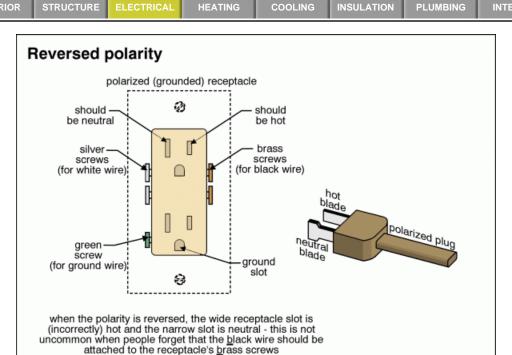
32. Inoperative

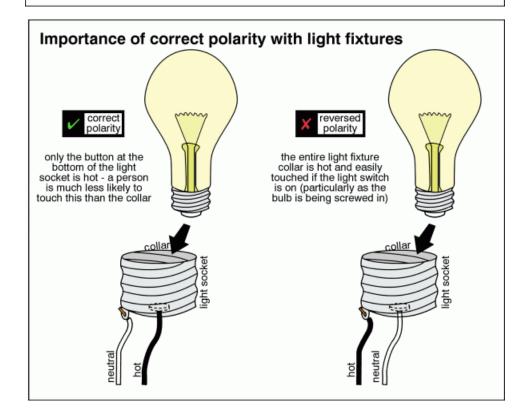
30. Condition: • Reversed polarity Implication(s): Electric shock

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33. Reversed polarity

31. Condition: • Loose

Implication(s): Electric shock | Fire hazard



34. Loose

32. Condition: • Test faulty on Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI)

Power cannot be interrupted; always On

Implication(s): Electric shock

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35. Test faulty on Ground Fault Circuit...

33. Condition: • Test faulty on Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI)

Resetting does now power up outlet Implication(s): Electric shock



36. Test faulty on Ground Fault Circuit...

34. Condition: • Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) needed

Implication(s): Electric shock Location: Exterior Wall & Garage

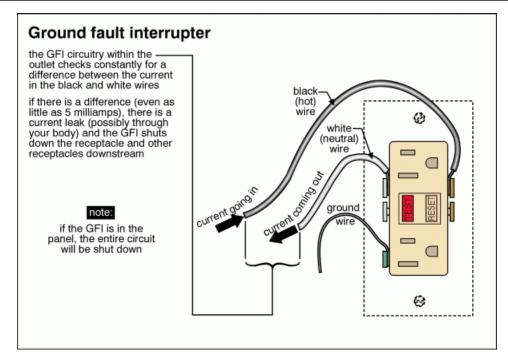
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37. GFCI needed

35. Condition: • Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter (AFCI) needed

For safety reasons, consider upgrading to AFCI type circuit breakers for all the bedrooms.

Implication(s): Fire hazard

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Cover plates

36. Condition: • Missing Implication(s): Electric shock

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Location: Second Floor



38. Missing cover plate

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Description

Fuel/energy source: • Gas

System type: • Furnace

Furnace manufacturer: • Lennox

Heat distribution: • Ducts and registers Approximate capacity: • 150,000 BTU/hr

Efficiency: • Conventional

Exhaust venting method: • Natural draft

Approximate age: • 23 years

Typical life expectancy: • Furnace (conventional or mid-efficiency) 18 to 25 years

Main fuel shut off at: • Meter Failure probability: • High

Exhaust pipe (vent connector): • Single wall

Fireplace:

• Wood-burning fireplace

Decorative only

Electric fireplace in addition

Chimney/vent: • Masonry

Chimney liner: • Clay • Required for upgrade/conversion

Combustion air source: • Interior of building

Humidifiers: • Trickle/cascade type

Limitations

Warm weather: • Prevented testing in heating mode

Heat loss calculations: • Not done as part of a building inspection

Heat exchanger: • Only a small portion visible

Recommendations

GAS FURNACE \ Ducts, registers and grilles

37. Condition: • Leaky joints

Implication(s): Increased heating costs | Reduced comfort

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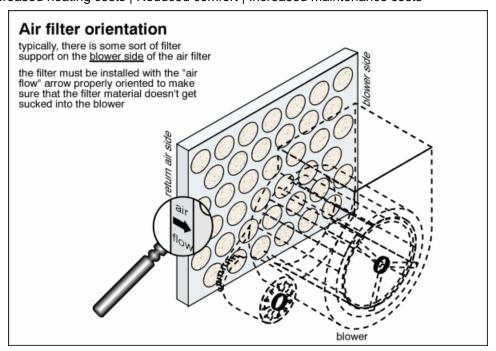


39. Leaky joints

GAS FURNACE \ Mechanical air filter

38. Condition: • Missing

Implication(s): Increased heating costs | Reduced comfort | Increased maintenance costs



GAS FURNACE \ Mid- and high-efficiency gas furnace

39. Condition: • Vent damper stuck

Implication(s): Equipment not operating properly | Hazardous combustion products entering home | Increased heating

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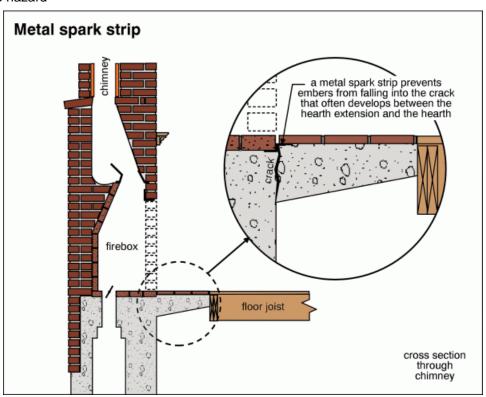
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40. Vent damper stuck

FIREPLACE \ Hearth and extension

40. Condition: • Gaps or cracks Implication(s): Fire hazard



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41. Gaps or cracks

FIREPLACE \ Glass doors

41. Condition: • Good quality doors are highly recommended as they will keep heat from escaping up through the chimney.

FIREPLACE \ General

42. Condition: • Inspect chimney, and sweep, if needed before using

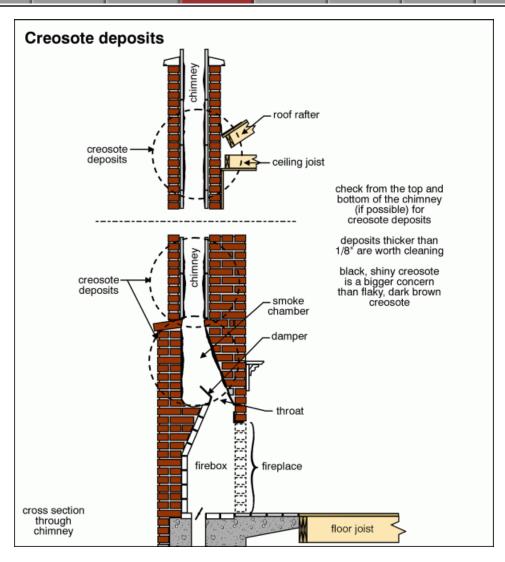
Implication(s): Fire hazard

CHIMNEY AND VENT \ Masonry chimney

43. Condition: • Creosote build-up Implication(s): Increased fire hazard

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CHIMNEY AND VENT \ Masonry chimney cap

44. Condition: • Rain cap missing or damaged

Implication(s): Chance of water entering building | Chance of pests entering building

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42. Rain cap missing

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Description

Air conditioning type: • Air cooled

Manufacturer: • Rheem
Cooling capacity: • 5 Tons
Compressor type: • Electric

Compressor approximate age: • 11 years

Typical life expectancy: • 10 to 15 years

Failure probability: • High

Limitations

Heat gain/loss calculations: • Not done as part of a building inspection

Recommendations

AIR CONDITIONING \ Compressor

45. Condition: • Providing shade for the A/C will allow for greater heat dissipation and improved comfort

AIR CONDITIONING \ Evaporator coil

46. Condition: • No access to coil **Implication(s)**: Difficult to service

AIR CONDITIONING \ Refrigerant lines

47. Condition: • Poor seal at building

Implication(s): Chance of water entering building | Chance of pests entering building



43. Poor seal at building

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Description

Attic/roof insulation material: • Glass fiber

Attic/roof ventilation: • Roof and soffit vents • Ridge vent • Power ventilator

Attic/roof air/vapor barrier: • Not visible
Wall insulation material: • Not visible

Wall insulation amount/value: • Not determined

Floor above basement/crawlspace insulation material: • Glass fiber
Floor above basement/crawlspace air/vapor barrier: • Kraft paper

Crawlspace ventilation: • Wall Vents

Limitations

Inspection prevented by no access to:

Attic

Over family room addition



44. Attic

Attic inspection performed: • From access hatch

Crawl space inspection performed: • From access hatch

Air/vapor barrier system: • Continuity not verified

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Recommendations

ATTIC/ROOF \ Insulation

48. Condition: • Amount less than current standards Implication(s): Increased heating and cooling costs

ATTIC/ROOF \ Air/vapor barrier

49. Condition: • Wrong location

Implication(s): Chance of condensation damage to finishes and/or structure

Location: Crawl Space



45. Wrong location

ATTIC/ROOF \ Roof vents

50. Condition: • Cannot mix different types of exhaust vents. Choose one or the other and block-off the openings for the discarded method

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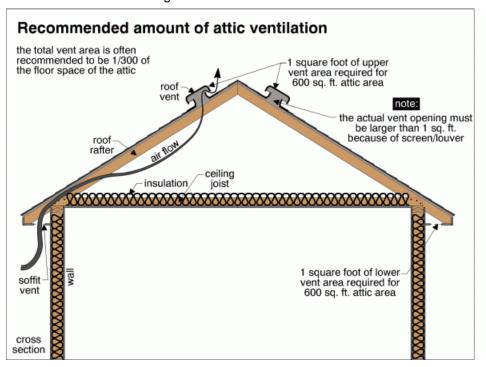
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46. Cannot mix different types of exhaust vents

51. Condition: • Missing

Implication(s): Chance of condensation damage to finishes and/or structure



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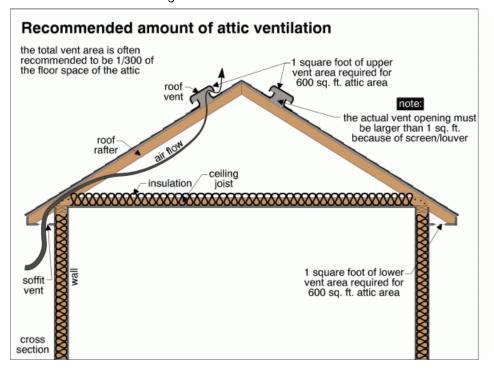


47. Missing exhaust vents

52. Condition: • Obstructed

The cut-outs in the roof deck should be larger, for maximum air flow. Also, more vents will help remove heat/moisture out of the attic.

Implication(s): Chance of condensation damage to finishes and/or structure



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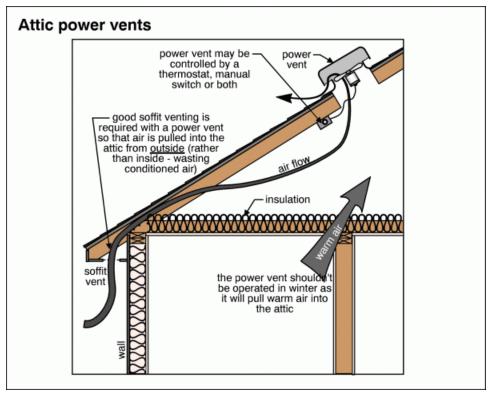


48. Obstructed vents

ATTIC/ROOF \ Power vent

53. Condition: • Inoperative in summer

Implication(s): Increased cooling costs | Reduced comfort



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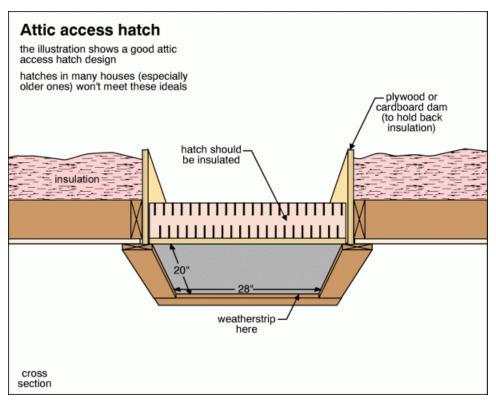
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ATTIC/ROOF \ Hatch

54. Condition: • Not insulated and not weatherstripped

Implication(s): Chance of condensation damage to finishes and/or structure | Increased heating and cooling costs | Reduced comfort



FOUNDATION \ Interior insulation

55. Condition: • Vapor barrier in wrong location

Implication(s): Chance of condensation damage to finishes and/or structure

Location: Crawl Space



49. Exposed combustible insulation

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ELECTRICAL ROOFING STRUCTURE INSULATION PLUMBING

56. Condition: • None at rim joist Implication(s): Increased heating costs

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57. Condition: • Loose, sagging or voids Implication(s): Increased heating costs

Location: Crawl Space

FOUNDATION \ Crawlspace floor

58. Condition: • No vapor barrier

All debris and cardboard needs to removed from crawl space. The vapor barrier needs to be tightly sealed at all seams and run-up the wall. Also, the exterior perimeter walls should be insulated, as well as the band joist area. The crawl needs to be treated like the other conditioned parts of the home.

Implication(s): Chance of condensation damage to finishes and/or structure



50. No vapor barrier

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Description

Water supply source: • Public

Service piping into building: • Copper Supply piping in building: • Copper

Main water shut off valve at the: • Basement

Water flow and pressure: • Functional Water heater fuel/energy source: • Gas Water heater type: • Conventional • Owned

Water heater exhaust venting method: • Natural draft

Water heater manufacturer: • Lochinvar

Tank capacity: • 50 gallons

Water heater approximate age: • 1 year Typical life expectancy: • 8 to 12 years Water heater failure probability: • Low

Waste disposal system: • Public

Waste and vent piping in building: • Plastic • ABS plastic • PVC plastic

Pumps: • Sump pump Gas piping: • Steel

Main fuel shut off valve at the: • Gas meter

Backwater valve: • Not present

Limitations

Items excluded from a building inspection: • Humidifier

Items excluded from a building inspection: • Isolating/relief valves & main shut-off valve • Concealed plumbing •

Tub/sink overflows • Water heater relief valves are not tested

Recommendations

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Faucet

59. Condition: • Drip, leak

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

Location: West Exterior Wall

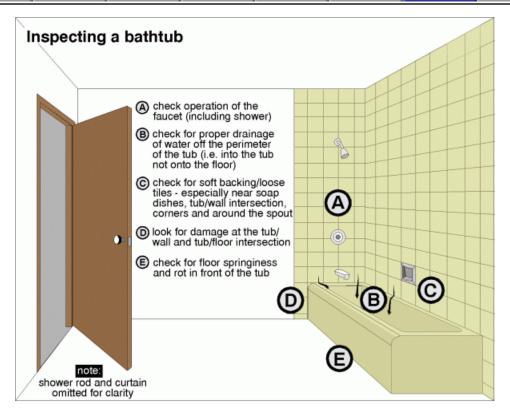
FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Bathtub

60. Condition: • Slow drain

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

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51. Slow drain

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Shower stall enclosure

61. Condition: • Leak

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

Location: Basement

GAS SUPPLY \ Gas piping

62. Condition: • Ideally, all gas piping should be "black" pipe/iron pipe, then transitioned to corrugated stain less steel tubing (CCST) where flexible tubing meets movable appliances (i.e. stove, dryer).

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Description

Major floor finishes: • Carpet • Hardwood

Major wall and ceiling finishes: • Gypsum board

Windows: • Casement

Glazing: • Double

Evidence of basement leakage: • Stains • Mold • Auxilliary power for sump pump • Dehumidifier in basement

Evidence of crawlspace leakage: • Stains • Mold

Inventory Air Conditioner: • Rheem



52. Rheem

Inventory Dishwasher: • Miele

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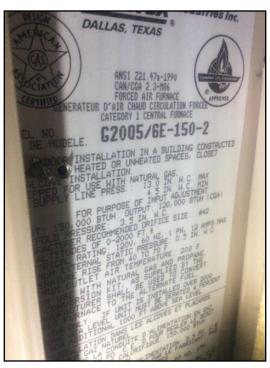
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Inventory Furnace: • Lennox



54. Lennox

Inventory Water Heater: • Lochinvar

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55. Lochinvar

Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Carpet • Storage/furnishings • New finishes/paint • Storage in closets/cupboards

Cosmetics: • No comment offered on cosmetic finishes

Appliances: • Self-cleaning features on ovens not tested • Effectiveness of dishwasher drying cycle not tested • Appliances are not moved during an inspection

Recommendations

General

63. • Mold-like substance found. The mold on the drywall should be removed by removing the drywall. Moldy drywall should never be cleaned, always replace the drywall. Do not use bleach. Reference these two sites http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/environmental/mold.shtml and http://www.epa.gov/mold

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56. Mold in sump closet



57. Mold in sump closet



58. Mold in sump closet

CEILINGS \ General

64. Condition: • Stains

Implication(s): Cosmetic defects

Location: Basement

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59. Stains

65. Condition: • Cracked

Implication(s): Cosmetic defects | Damage or physical injury due to falling materials

Location: Second Floor, above spiral staircase



60. Cracked

66. Condition: • Cracked

In foyer, close to where weak cantilevered balcony is located (Photo does not reveal crack)

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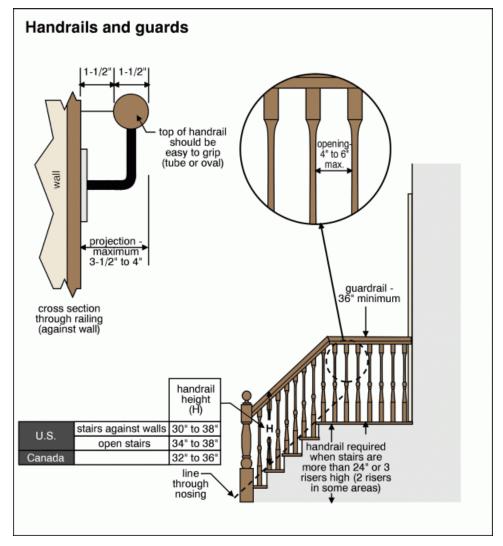
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Implication(s): Cosmetic defects | Damage or physical injury due to falling materials

STAIRS \ Spindles or balusters

67. Condition: • Too far apart Implication(s): Fall hazard



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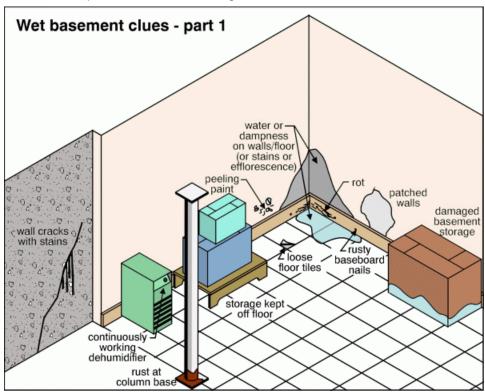


61. Too far apart

BASEMENT \ Wet basement - evidence

68. Condition: • Efflorescence

Implication(s): Cosmetic defects | Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

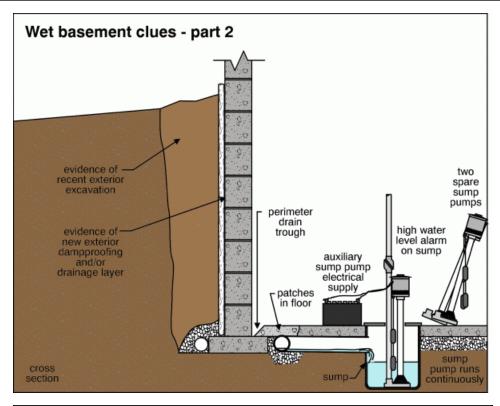


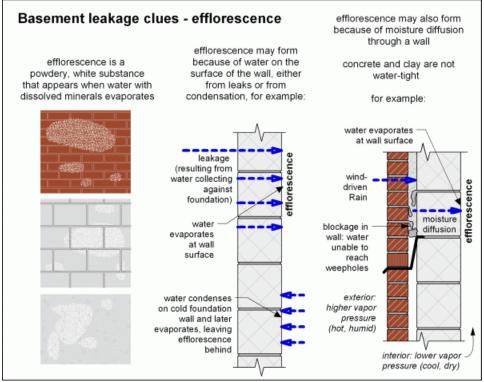
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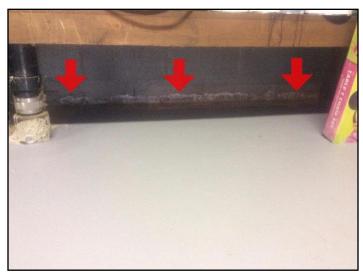
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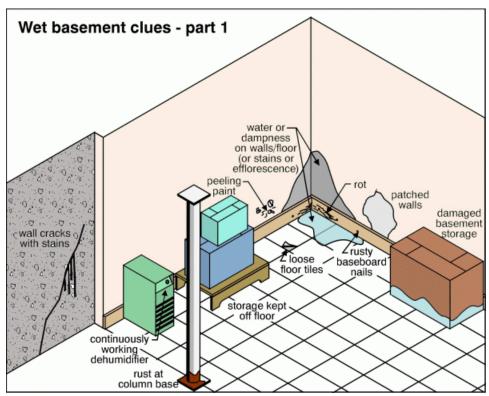
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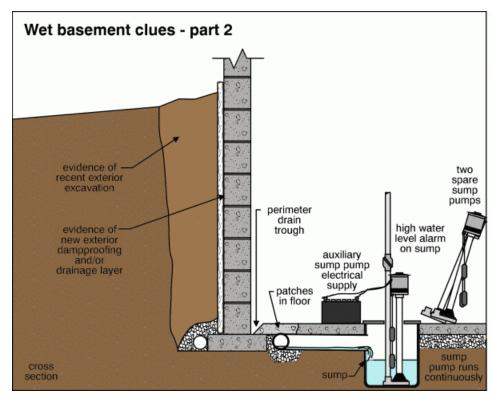
69. Condition: • Mold

Implication(s): Cosmetic defects | Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Contaminants may enter building air

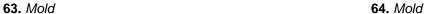


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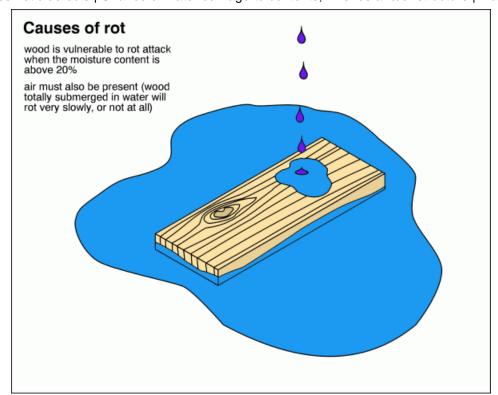
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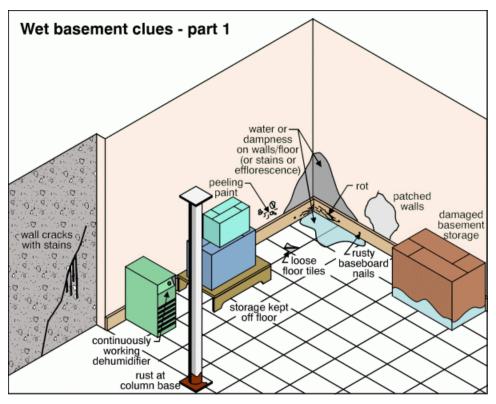
70. Condition: • Rot

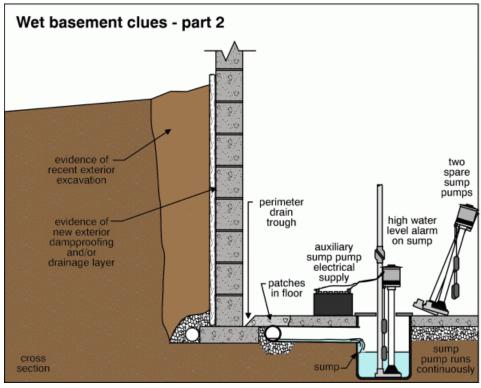
Implication(s): Cosmetic defects | Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Material deterioration



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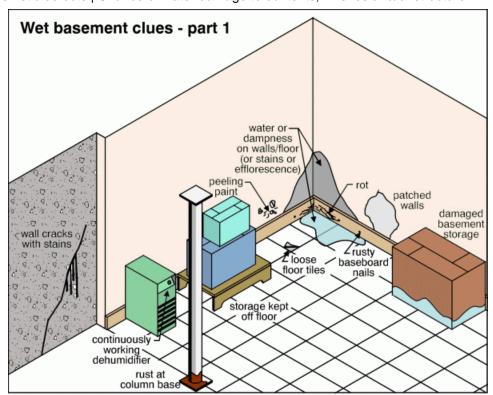
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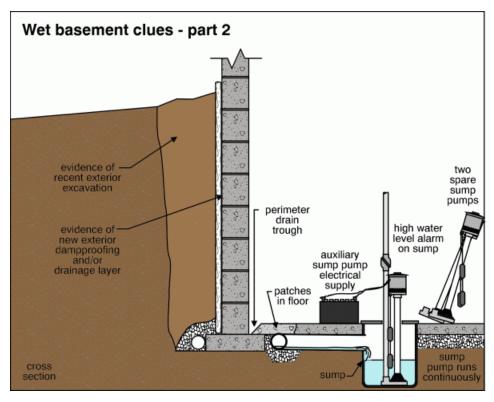
71. Condition: • Stains

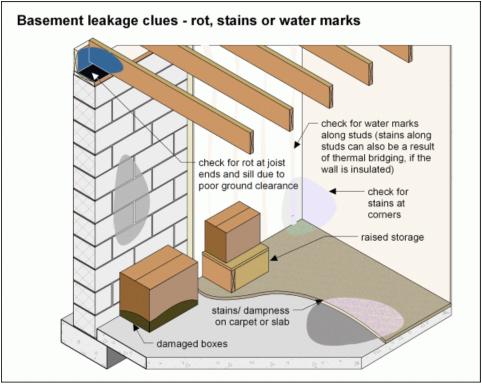
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68. Stains



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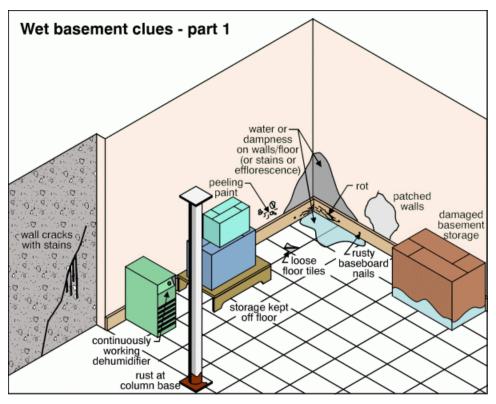
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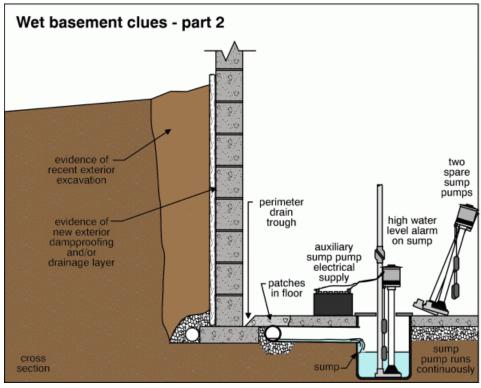
72. Condition: • Mold

Implication(s): Cosmetic defects | Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Contaminants may enter building air

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70. *Mold*

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