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BEFORE YOUR HOME INSPECTION

KNOWING WHAT TO DO BEFORE HAVING YOUR HOME INSPECTED WILL MAKE THE PROCESS A SMOOTH ONE. FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS:

- 1 Have all utilities turned on.** This is important if you are not currently living in the house.
- 2 Provide open access to all areas that need to be checked.** If you have boxes stacked against walls, even in the attic, move them at least six feet away where possible.
- 3 Keep your house as tidy as possible.** Minimal clutter can make for a safer and more efficient inspection experience.
- 4 Replace any blown lightbulbs.** This helps the inspector figure out if it's just a blown bulb or if the wiring is faulty.
- 5 Put in a fresh furnace filter.** Regularly replacing the filter is important for air quality and the overall functioning of your heating system. This signals that you pay attention to this detail.
- 6 Take care of any toilets that may not be functioning properly.** Fixing a running toilet is easy and inexpensive and is something you can take care of on your own.
- 7 Turn all pilot lights on,** including the hot water heater and any gas fireplaces you may have.
- 8 Unlock any gates, electrical boxes, crawl space** or other areas that you normally keep secure.
- 9 Take your pets out of the house** or make sure they are crated.
- 10 Clear the perimeter of your house so the inspector can look at the siding, trim and caulking around windows and doors.** Clear away plant growth and stored items so the inspector can get an unimpeded look.