

# **VA Appraisal Checklist**

#### To Prepare for a VA Appraisal Inspection

#### General

- 1. \_\_\_\_ All utilities (electric, water, gas) turned on.
- 2. \_\_\_\_ Clear access to all rooms, attic, crawlspace, and garage.
- 3. \_\_\_\_ Ensure all safety systems (smoke/CO detectors) are installed and working.
- 4. \_\_\_\_ Ensure property meets general cleanliness standards.

#### Exterior

- 5. \_\_\_\_ Roof is in good condition no missing shingles or visible leaks.
- 6. \_\_\_\_ Gutters and downspouts attached and functioning properly.
- 7. \_\_\_\_ No signs of wood rot or exposed untreated wood.
- 8. \_\_\_\_ No peeling paint (especially on homes built before 1978 lead-based paint concern).
- 9. \_\_\_\_ Exterior steps and handrails secure and safe.
- 10. \_\_\_\_ Siding and foundation show no major cracks or damage.
- 11. \_\_\_\_ Yard is graded to drain water away from the house.
- 12. \_\_\_\_ No debris or hazards in yard or around foundation.
- 13. \_\_\_\_ Detached buildings (garages/sheds) in good repair.

#### Interior

- 14. \_\_\_\_ All flooring intact, no tripping hazards.
- 15. \_\_\_\_ All windows and doors open, close, and lock properly.
- 16. \_\_\_\_ No broken glass or cracked window panes.
- 17. \_\_\_\_ No signs of mold, water intrusion, or significant damage.
- 18. \_\_\_\_ Paint and drywall in reasonably good condition.
- 19. \_\_\_\_ Smoke detectors in all bedrooms and hallways.
- 20. \_\_\_\_ Carbon monoxide detector on each level (if applicable).
- 21. \_\_\_\_ No exposed or unsafe wiring.

## **Plumbing & Mechanical**

- 22. \_\_\_\_ Functional water heater with proper relief valve and discharge pipe.
- 23. \_\_\_\_ No active plumbing leaks (under sinks, toilets, water lines).
- 24. \_\_\_\_ All bathrooms and kitchens have hot and cold running water.
- 25. \_\_\_\_ HVAC system operational and provides adequate heating and cooling.
- 26. \_\_\_\_ Toilets flush properly and are secured to the floor.
- <sup>27.</sup> \_\_\_\_ Dryer vented properly to the outside.

### **Other Requirements**

- 28. \_\_\_\_ Attic and crawlspace accessible for inspection.
- 29. \_\_\_\_ No pest infestation or visible termite damage.
- 30. \_\_\_\_ Appliances (if included in sale) are functional.
- 31. \_\_\_\_ Utilities must remain on until after appraisal and/or re-inspection (if needed).
- 32. \_\_\_\_ Property must be free of health and safety hazards.

