

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.
- ^{27.} ____ 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.

