

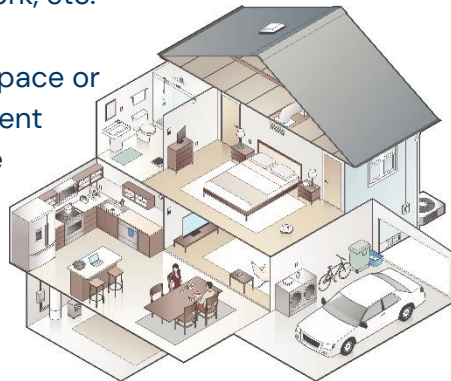
CHECKLIST: WHERE TO LOOK FOR MOLD & WATER DAMAGE

Exterior of Home: Ensure...

- Grading around property slopes away from property, including driveways; grade falls from foundation at least 6 in. within first 10 ft.
- Sprinkler systems work correctly and don't hit side of home
- Landscaping (including tree roots, mulch, etc.) isn't in contact with roof, gutters, siding, deck, foundation
- Proper drainage around property, including gutters and downspouts that extend at least 5-6 ft. away from property
- Siding is properly installed and in good condition
- Good condition of roof, proper overhangs, chimney, skylights, and other points of entry/exit
- Foundation in good condition with at least 6 in. of exposed foundation from ground to siding
- Window well covers drain properly
- Doors, windows, and other openings are properly flashed and sealed, window weep holes are not sealed shut at bottom, etc.

Interior of Home: Check for 5 signs of water damage in...

- Bedrooms, living room, family room, dining room, bonus room, office, etc.
- Bathrooms, to include cracks in tile, gaps/missing grout around sinks and tubs, improper/no ventilation, water damage under and behind sinks, sides of tubs and showers, around toilet, etc.
- Kitchen, including under sink, exhaust/ventilation, appliances
- Laundry room
- Closets
- Drywall below plumbing lines for showers, toilets, tubs, etc.
- HVAC systems, to include drip pans, filters, coils, ductwork, etc.
- Attic
- Crawlspace or basement
- Garage



Pay extra attention in each room to:

- Windows
- Doors
- Floors
- Baseboards
- Ceilings
- Closets
- Fireplaces
- Skylights
- Behind and under appliances
- Air vents, mini splits, window units, swamp coolers, dehumidifiers, humidifiers, etc.

Pay extra attention to appliances such as:

- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Dishwashers
- Sinks
- Coffee makers
- Ice dispensers
- Washing machines
- HVAC systems, mini splits, window units, swamp coolers, etc.
- Ovens, especially if they have a steam option

5 Signs of Water Damage Cheat Sheet



Bubbling



Buckling & Separating



Cracking & Peeling



Rust & Efflorescence



Staining