

## Preparing for a Home Inspection

Home In Check Fl Licensed Home Inspector Serving Polk County and Surrounding Areas



Hi! I'm Yari Rincon, a Licensed Home Inspector in Florida with a background in Electrical Engineering and 15 years of experience in quality, process improvement, and project management. I'm also a certified personal trainer and health coach so I believe in doing things the right way, efficiently and thoroughly. My passion lies in helping new homeowners, especially single moms, get their homes in check and avoid costly issues down the line.

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## Before the Inspection

Here are some things you can do to help your inspection go smoothly and avoid delays at closing:

- Make sure the inspector has access to the house, attic, furnace, AC, water heater, and crawlspace.
- Clear blocked areas around the HVAC, water heater, and electrical panel.
- Open the garage door and make sure shutoff valves and GFCI reset buttons are accessible.
- Unlock areas like attic hatches, gates, closets, and crawlspaces.
- Turn on all utilities, including gas pilot lights.
- Secure or remove pets to avoid distractions or safety issues.
- Replace burned-out light bulbs to avoid "light did not operate" findings.
- Remove debris and stored items from the foundation to prevent insect concerns.
- Trim tree limbs and shrubs away from the house to allow safe access and prevent hazards.
- Fix broken items like doorknobs, screens, locks, gutters, and windowpanes.

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## What We Inspect

This is a visual-only, non-invasive inspection based on the <u>InterNACHI</u> <u>Standards of Practice</u> (www.nachi.org/sop), intended to identify material defects that may affect the safety, function, or value of the home.

- Roof, attic, insulation, and ventilation
- Exterior and interior walls, windows, and doors
- HVAC system, plumbing, and electrical
- Foundation, structure, and crawlspace
- Appliances and installed systems
- Drainage and grading
- Safety features (smoke alarms, railings, GFCIs)



**3 What We Don't Inspect** 

While we aim to be as thorough as possible, here's what's outside our scope:

- Cosmetic defects like paint scratches
- Code compliance or permits
- Underground plumbing or septic tanks
- Mold testing (unless requested)
- Specialty systems like pools, solar, or private wells
- Inaccessible areas due to blockage or safety concerns

What to Expect After the Inspection

- A detailed report with clear photos and explanations
- Honest feedback on your home's condition
- Recommendations for maintenance and further evaluations
- Peace of mind before moving forward with your purchase or sale
- Follow-up support. Ask me anything!

Let's make sure your home is in check from the roof to the foundation.



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