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# **BATHROOMS INSPECTION**

**SCOPE OF THE BATHROOM INSPECTION:** The inspector shall observe: Plumbing fixtures, means of ventilation, functional water pressure & drainage, and *readily accessible* floor, walls, ceiling lights & outlets and cabinets.

**DISCLAIMERS:** A. The condition of hidden supply, drain, waste and vent piping hidden within wall cavities is undetermined as they are not *readily accessible* for visual inspection. B. If the water service or service to any fixture was *shut-down* at time of inspection, then the true function of that fixture is undetermined and is **EXCLUDED** from this *report*. C. No warranty against leakage is offered regarding the condition of a **shower stall pan** as it is not *readily accessible* for inspection. D. We do NOT test sink and tub fixture overflows as they can sometimes be defective and can cause interior water damage. Overflows are **EXCLUDED** from this *report*. and require further investigation by you or a plumber.

GENERAL COMMENTS: A. A bathroom is required to have either a functional window or exterior vented exhaust fan as a means of ventilation. Fans must be vented outside and NOT into the attic. Be advised that improper bathroom ventilation is often a cause of moisture deficiencies in the home. B. "Bathroom facilities must include a toilet with a toilet seat and a bathtub or shower. These must be situated in a room which allows a person privacy, which is fitted with a door capable of being closed and which is not used for the purpose of living, eating, sleeping or cooking. In addition a washbasin other than the kitchen sink must be located either in the room containing the toilet or near the entrance to that room." C. Be sure to examine the interior of all cabinets and closets during your pre-passing walk through as you may find defects that were hidden by storage at time of inspection. Call my office for free consultation if additional problems are discovered.

### 1. BATHROOMS:

Number of

bathrooms: Three and 1/2.

### 2. WATER PRESSURE & DRAINAGE CONDITIONS:

Water flow &

drainage: \* FUNCTIONAL. Observation: At time of inspection, the water flow & drainage were

FUNCTIONAL at fixtures during simultaneous fixture testing.

#### 3. BATHROOM HEAT SOURCE:

**Condition of** 

**HEAT source:** \* **FUNCTIONAL** forced hot water baseboard heat or hot water radiator.

## 4. BATHROOM VENTILATION:

Ventilation

methods: \* FUNCTIONAL window & fan. (Note: Investigate the fan discharge point; it should

discharge outside and not into the attic.)

## 5. TOILETS:

Condition of toilets:

### \*\* FUNCTIONAL with EXCEPTIONS noted:

Observation: The water was shut-off at the tank in the master bath at time of inspection.

<u>Analysis</u>: The operational condition of the toilet is undetermined, further investigation is needed.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Prior to commitment, you should ask that the water service be restored to all fixtures and return to test for functional pressure and drainage or undetermined leaks.

Web Resource: http://www.toiletology.com/index.shtml

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## 6. SINKS:

Condition sinksfaucets:

\* **FUNCTIONAL** bathroom sinks, faucets, pressure, drainage & hot water where *readily accessible*. (Note: The inspector could not fully examine the interior of the sink base cabinet(s) do to stored goods. All sink base cabinet interiors should be reexamined during the pre-passing walk through inspection, after the owner has moved.)

### 7. TUBS & SHOWERS:

Condition tubsshowers:

\* **FUNCTIONAL.** No visible problems observed where *readily accessible*. The tub / shower fixtures were **FUNCTIONAL** with adequate water pressure & drainage at time of inspection.

Observation: The caulking at the tub / wall / floor intersections is worn or eroded.

Analysis: Gaps could allow leakage & interior water damage. Repair is needed.

Recommendation: Caulk tub / floor joint, tub / wall joint and faucet spout & handle as general maintenance.

### 8. CABINETS & CLOSETS:

Condition cabinets-closets

\* **FUNCTIONAL.** No visible problems observed where *readily accessible*. (Note: Sink base cabinets & closets containing stored goods were not fully accessible for inspection - hidden problems could exist. You would be wise to re-examine all such area during the pre-passing walk-through inspection after the owner has moved out.)

### 9. LIGHTS & ELECTRICAL OUTLETS:

Condition lightsoutlets:

\* FUNCTIONAL electrical outlets with GFCI shock protection & functional light fixtures.

## 10. WALLS, FLOOR, CEILING:

Condition wallsfloors-ceiling:

## \*\* FUNCTIONAL with exceptions:

Observation: The grout between ceramic tiles at the bathroom floor &/or wall has eroded.

Analysis: Grout erosion represents normal wear & tear; maintenance repair is needed. Be advised that further grout erosion may allow water to loosen tiles or cause more serious moisture damage to floors, walls or ceilings.

Recommendation: Re-grout the ceramic tile where needed and apply a silicone liquid sealant.

Web Resource: http://www.floorstransformed.com/tilecare.html

Observation: The caulking around the bathtub / shower walls has gaps or areas of erosion.

<u>Analysis</u>: Joints of this nature require annual inspection and maintenance when needed. Be advised that a failure to waterproof such joints may allow water infiltration, decay or ceiling problems below.

Recommendation: Restore caulking where needed.

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# 11. OVER-ALL CONDITION / RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bathroom summary:

Observation: Inspection of the bathroom(s) revealed problems which need repairs to restore proper function (see notes above).