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10 SIMPLE WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME

Here are ten simple things you can do to prevent issues with your home. Recommended by Steve Pugh of SP Home Inspections who has been a registered home inspector for over 13 years.

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GUTTERS

Keep the gutters and downspouts clean and make sure they discharge out away from the home and foundation to help prevent possible basement moisture issues.

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FOUNDATION

Any opening in the home or foundation should not be level with the surface outside. A step up into a door or a window well is needed if they are to help prevent possible water entry and rot around the opening.

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HOUSE ON A HILL

Your home needs to be on a hill even if you need to make your own hill. All surfaces should slope away from the home to help properly direct water out and away from the home and foundation.

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ROOF

After a wind storm go outside and look up. View the roof to make sure all shingles and flashings are still in their proper places.

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ICE

Icicles look beautiful but usually indicate heat loss and adding insulation may be needed. Ice can lead to ponding water on a roof which could cause a leak and damage below.

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HUMIDITY

CMHC suggests keep the humidity level in the home between 25-45% to help prevent condensation issues, mould or mildew growth and indoor air quality issues. Cooking, bathing and breathing are the major moisture makers in a home so run the exhaust fans in the home when possible and install an HVR if humidity continues to be an issue in a home.

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AIR

Also keep a clean air filter in the furnace filter tray especially in the summer. The AC coil can freeze up if there is not adequate airflow across it when in operation.

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PIPES

Make sure all outside taps are drained and shut off properly in the fall to help prevent possible damaged pipes. If the taps are frost free taps then make sure all hoses are disconnected so they can self drain to the outside properly.

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ELECTRICAL

Always make sure the main water shut off and electrical panel are easily accessible and all occupants of the home know where these are and how to turn things off in the case of an emergency.

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FURNACE

Have the furnace in your home serviced each year to make sure it stays in good working order and is still safe to operate.