



## Home Inspection Checklist

In an effort to assist and guide residents through the East Palestine Housing Codes, we have developed this 2-page checklist that you can use to perform your own self-assessment of your home.

Through this form, you can Check Off all of the items that meet the Codified Ordinances (Standard) and if you have any boxes that are Not Checked, then those are your Action Items, that should be addressed.

The Village remains ready and available to provide advice and connect you with registered contractors who can help take care of these items. You can stop in the Municipal Building during week days before noon, or email [r.ginder@eastpalestine-oh.gov](mailto:r.ginder@eastpalestine-oh.gov) with any questions.

Please note, items on this checklist are often easier and more affordable to fix the earlier they are detected. For example, a simple cracked concrete block can quickly become a much larger foundation issue.

### Property Information

Property Address:

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Owner/Tenant Name:

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Date of Inspection:

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- Porches, steps, and railings are safe and sturdy
- Handrails present on stairs with 5+ steps
- Balconies/porches over 30" high have railings
- Property drains properly (no standing water)
- Yard is free of trash, debris, and rodents

### 1. Structure & Exterior

- Roof does not leak and is in good condition
- Foundation and walls are in good repair
- Windows and doors are weather-tight
- Exterior paint/siding is not peeling or rotting

### 2. Interior Safety

- Floors, walls, and ceilings in good condition
- Stairs and hallways have working lights
- Smoke detectors installed and working
- Home has two exits



- Bedrooms have emergency escape window/door

### 3. Kitchen

- Kitchen sink works and drains
- Stove works
- Refrigerator works
- Cabinets/shelves for food storage

### 4. Bathroom

- Toilet works and flushes
- Sink works and has hot water
- Bathtub or shower works
- Bathroom has window or vent fan

### 5. Water & Hot Water

- Running water available
- Hot water heater works
- Hot water available at sinks and shower

### 6. Electrical

- Electrical system is safe
- Lights work in all rooms/halls
- No exposed or damaged wiring
- Adequate electrical service

### 7. Heating

- Heating system works safely
- Home can maintain 65°F in winter
- Heating equipment properly vented

### 8. Light & Ventilation

- Every living/sleeping room has a window
- Windows open and work
- Bathroom has window or fan
- Screens keep out insects/rodents

### 9. Cleanliness & Sanitation

- Property free of garbage and debris
- No insect or rodent infestation

- Garbage stored in containers with lids
- Home is clean and sanitary

### Next Steps If Problems Are Found

1. Make a repair plan and prioritize safety issues first.
2. Contact a contractor if needed (electrician, plumber, HVAC, roofer, etc.).
3. Contact the East Palestine Housing & Zoning Department for guidance and next steps.

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