






## HOME BUYING GUIDE: **HOME INSPECTIONS**

A home inspection is crucial whether you're purchasing a new or older property. It's a thorough examination of essential areas from the roof to the foundation, including heating and cooling systems, plumbing, and electricals. This process helps identify major repairs or maintenance needs that might not be immediately apparent. Ordering an inspection right after signing a purchase agreement is recommended, and it's wise to include an inspection clause in the contract. This clause allows negotiation leverage if significant issues arise, possibly leading to repair agreements or credits.

Home inspections in Sacramento typically cost between \$300 and \$500, representing a valuable investment to prevent costly surprises post-purchase. Attending the inspection offers firsthand insight into any issues and an enhanced understanding of the property's condition and maintenance needs. As no home is perfect, use findings from the inspection as opportunities for negotiation, ensuring your new home is a sound investment. To find qualified inspectors, consider using resources like the American Society of Home Inspectors, ensuring your inspector's expertise and adherence to standards.



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