

Homeowner's Guide to Crawlspace Assessments in the PNW

A homeowner checklist for Crawlspace Inspections

Safety & Preparation

- Wear an N95 or better mask.
- Wear durable gloves and old clothes or coveralls.
- Grab a powerful LED flashlight with fresh batteries.
- Have your phone ready to take photos and video.
- Tell someone you are going to be checking the crawlspace.

Exterior & Access Check

- Locate the crawlspace access hatch (outside foundation or inside a closet).
- Clear any overgrown plants, leaves, or debris blocking the access hatch.
- Check that foundation vents are not blocked or damaged.
- Look for gaps or damage around the access door that could let pests in.

Visual Check from the Hatch

- Open the hatch and immediately note any strong odors (musty, foul, etc.).
- Shine the flashlight across the ground, looking for puddles or shiny, wet surfaces.
- Look up at the insulation between floor joists; note any that is hanging, torn, or missing.
- Photograph any visible animal droppings, nests, or tunnels in the insulation.
- Check visible plumbing pipes for any signs of drips or corrosion.
- Photograph any dark stains on concrete walls or wooden support posts.

Final Documentation

- Review the photos you took on a larger screen.
- Make a note of any specific areas of concern.
- Securely close and lock the access hatch.
- If you found major issues like water or pests, schedule a professional evaluation.

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