

A Homeowner's Guide to Home Health Assessments in Snohomish & King County

A homeowner checklist for Home Health Assessment

Exterior Walkaround (Monthly)

- Walk the perimeter, look for siding damage or rot.
- Photograph any new cracks in the foundation.
- Check that outdoor faucets are not dripping.
- Confirm soil slopes away from the foundation.
- Look for signs of pests near the foundation or eaves.
- From the ground, look for overflowing or sagging gutters.
- Check for peeling paint on window trim and siding.

Interior Check (Monthly)

- Look under all kitchen and bathroom sinks for drips.
- Check for water stains on ceilings, especially under bathrooms.
- Test all GFCI outlets in kitchens, bathrooms, and garage.
- Open and close a few windows to ensure they work properly.
- Check for slow drains in tubs, showers, and sinks.
- Make sure toilet bases are stable and not leaking.

Safety & Systems (Quarterly)

- Test all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Replace batteries in smoke/CO detectors once a year.
- Change or clean your furnace/HVAC filter.
- Check that your electrical panel is clearly labeled.
- Listen for unusual noises from the water heater.
- Confirm your main water shut-off valve is accessible.

Attic & Crawlspace (Twice a Year)

- From the access hatch, look into the attic with a flashlight.
- Check for any dark stains on the underside of the roof sheathing.
- Look for signs of pests like droppings or nests in the attic.

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- From the crawlspace entry, smell for musty odors.
- Shine a flashlight into the crawlspace to look for standing water.

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