



## watch out for defects

While no house will be perfect, there are some hidden problems that could cause you much additional expense. Watch out for:

- **Foundation** –

Cracks - Shifting - Termites (wood that's weak or has grooves)

- **Basement Walls** –

Water marks

- **Interior Walls** –

Cracks - Plastered over cracks - Water marks

- **Floors** –

Sagging - Slanted

- **Roof** –

Curled/worn shingles - if the roof's not leaking now, it probably will soon!

- **Plumbing** –

Galvanized pipes rather than copper - low water pressure - "banging"

- **Electrical** –

Old fuse boxes - exposed wiring - no ground prong plugs - many extension cords (probably not enough outlets)

- **Property** –

Standing water means poor drainage – large raised tree roots (may invade outside plumbing & raise/damage driveways and sidewalks)

- **Hidden/unseen problems** –

Radon - Lead Paint - Carbon Monoxide



**Reality Check** – If a home is more than a decade old, you particularly need to hire a building inspector!

