



Residential Self-Inspection Checklist

Outside your home

Yes No

Is your address posted in a minimum of four-inch high numbers?		
Is your address on a contrasting background?		
Is your address visible from the street?		
Are all windows operational where they could be used for emergency egress?		
Are escape ladders provided for sleeping rooms on the second story?		
In newer homes with emergency egress windows in the basement and window wells, is a ladder provided in the window well to allow persons to escape to grade?		

Fire Extinguishers

Yes No

Are fully charged fire extinguishers present in the garage?		
Are fully charged fire extinguishers present in the kitchen?		
Are fully charged fire extinguishers present in the basement?		
Are fire extinguishers hung up in an accessible location?		

Smoke Detectors

Yes No

Are smoke detectors installed on each level of your home?		
Are smoke detectors installed in all sleeping rooms of your home?		
Have all smoke detectors been checked with the test button on a monthly basis?		
Have batteries been changed within the last year? (suggest twice a year at time change)		

Fireplace / Wood-Burning Stoves

Yes No

Does your home have a fireplace or wood-burning stove?		
Has it been cleaned?		
Has it been serviced by a reputable cleaning company?		
When a fireplace or wood-burning stove is cleaned a metal is used to dispose of the ash?		



Wiring / Appliances

Yes No

Are extension cords being attached to walls, ceilings, over doorways, or used because the house doesn't have receptacles in the locations where power is needed?		
Are multiple power adapters in use?		
Are appliance cords and plugs in good condition without nicks or splices?		
Are appliance cords not run under rugs, carpeting, or furniture?		
Are there splices in the power cords to appliances or in wiring outside of a junction box?		
Are all outlets and switches in good condition and operate properly?		
Are the light bulbs the correct wattage for the fixture?		
Is a 30" clear space provided around the circuit panel?		
Is the clothes dryer vented, and the vent securely attached to the dryer?		
Is the area behind the dryer clean?		
Does your water heater have a guard in place for the pilot light?		
Does the exhaust vent piping for the water heater to vent through the roof or wall appear to be in good condition?		
Is all storage kept a minimum of 36" from the water heater and furnace?		
Is the furnace filter clean? (recommend changing monthly during heating season)		

Storage

Yes No

Are storage areas neat and storage kept away from furnace and water heater?		
Are combustible liquids such as gasoline, Coleman fuel, kerosene, and propane stored in appropriate containers that are properly marked?		
Are combustibles stored away from potential ignition sources such as furnaces or water heaters and any appliances that produce heat or sparks?		
Are paints and stains that are used within the home properly stored?		
Are rags used for paints and stains placed in a metal container with a sealed lid?		

Thank-you for your concern with your fire safety, please feel free to contact the Zeeland Fire-Rescue Department at 616-772-5374 if you have any questions or wish to discuss any items contained in this checklist.