

Common Minneapolis Required Repairs (These apply to both house and garage)

Attic

(Attic hatch must be made accessible to the evaluator if possible. Move clothes, closet shelves, etc. ahead of time.)

- Plumbing vent pipes, bathroom fans or kitchen fans that vent into the attic, rather than to outside (P)

Smoke and CO Detectors

- Smoke detectors missing, improperly located, or not working (One required on every floor, including basements and finished attics)
- Carbon monoxide (CO) detector missing, improperly located, or not working (One required within 10 feet of each bedroom)

Floor Drain

- Floor drain cleanout plug missing or loose, or drain obviously clogged

Plumbing

- Outside hose spigots that are not the anti-siphon type or don't have a backflow preventer attached
- Laundry sink spout has threaded end for a hose but no backflow preventer
- Toilet lacks an anti-siphon fill valve (ballcock, in the tank) with a 1" air gap above the overflow pipe
- Dishwasher drain line lacks a high-rise loop (under the sink)
- Laundry sink drains to floor drain (P)
- Laundry standpipe lacks a trap (P)
- Drain pipes leaking, or abandoned openings not properly capped (P)
- Spout below the spill line of any sink or tub
- Plumbing fixtures that are cracked, broken, or leaking waste water (P)
- Well water and city water supplies that are interconnected (P)
- Sump pump discharges to the sanitary sewer system (should discharge to outside)

Gas Piping and Dryer

- Dryer vents into the house
- Dryer vent has a bypass that can direct dryer exhaust into the house
- No shutoff on gas line to appliance (P)
- Improper flexible gas line to appliance (P)
- Flexible gas line run through walls, floors, cabinets (P)
- Abandoned gas piping not properly capped

Wiring

- No grounding jumper wire across the water meter
- GFCI outlets that don't trip when tested, or stay energized after they are tripped
- Evidence of overfusing (30 amp fuses on normal household circuits) at the electrical panel
- Extension cords used in place of permanent wiring, or run through walls, floors, cabinets
- Wires that are not capped, not taped, and protrude outside an electrical box
- Wires that are spliced outside of an electrical box (P)
- Wires that end outside of an electrical box (P)

Furnace and Water Heater

- Back spillage of gases at furnace or water heater draft hood (P)
- Vent pipes for furnace or water heater that have holes, backward slope, are not tightly sealed to the chimney, or are too close to combustible materials (including walls, drywall, or wood framing) (P)
- Boiler or furnace shows signs of not running properly: Excessive scale/rust flakes in burner compartment, discoloration of the cover panel, rust

or discoloration of the draft hood (P)

- Boiler or furnace missing safety controls (P)
- Abandoned fuel tank (P)
- Boiler: No 9D backflow valve on water supply line to boiler (P)
- Water heater has improperly located or missing relief valve (P)
- Water heater relief valve pipe is missing, too short (must extend to within 18" of the floor), is plugged, capped, or has a threaded end at bottom
- Space heaters missing shutoff or safety controls, or vent pipe has rust holes, gaps, etc. (P)

Structural

- Stairways not capable of supporting normal loads (P)
- Potential for structural failure of a wall, post, or beam (P)
- Potential for structural failure of floor system, joists, wood framing, rafters, roof or roof boards (P)

Exterior

- Outside hose spigots that are not the anti-siphon type or don't have a backflow preventer attached
- GFCI outlets that don't trip when tested, or stay energized after they are tripped
- Extension cords used in place of permanent wiring, or run through walls, floors, or from house to garage

(P) A permit issued by the City of Minneapolis may be required before fixing this item. Check with your Truth in Housing evaluator or call the City.

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