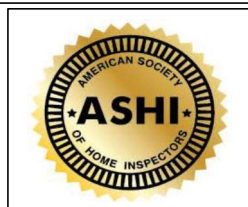


# TOP FIVE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE YOU HIRE A HOME INSPECTOR



- 1. Don't Choose The Cheapest Price Home Inspector.** There is a reason that a budget inspector is discounting their fees and not meeting industry standards. They may be new in the business and inexperienced, or they may not have the professional credentials to compete with the legitimate home inspection companies. Be careful with this important choice on one of your most expensive purchases.
- 2. Don't Ignore Certifications.** Because Georgia does not require licensing for home inspectors, any one can buy a clipboard and a flashlight and become a home inspector, all you need is a simple business license. That makes professional certifications and industry memberships all the more important. Look for Professional Certifications such as **ASHI Certified Inspector (ACI), InterNachi Master Inspector, or a code certified inspector from GAHI.**
- 3. Don't Assume All Inspectors Are The Same.** There can be big differences in professionalism, inspection experience levels, and inspection training and certifications, not to mention scheduling and customer service. All are important in providing you with the professional home inspection service that you deserve.
- 4. Check Customer Reviews.** You can tell a lot about a company based on their client reviews. Although not every review is trustworthy or accurate, online reviews can be a good indicator of how the company is handling their customer service. Look for consistently strong reviews.
- 5. Ask For a Sample Report.** You might be very surprised how different home inspection reports can be since every home inspector can create any type of report they want. It could be a 10 page handwritten report with very basic information or a 100 page dissertation describing every nick on the wall. Some home inspection reports are difficult to read and understand, while others may have too much "fluff" to be of any real assistance.
- 6. BONUS TIP: Don't Forget About Other Important Inspections.** You may need to consider **Other Inspections** to go along with your home inspection. Termites can be a big issue, particularly if there is not a protective termite bond on the property, so a **Termite Inspection** can be important. Because Radon is high in metro Atlanta, having a **Radon Test** performed during your home inspection is a good idea. Finally, if there has been any water related issues in the home such as leaks, many home buyers consider adding a **Mold Test** or indoor air quality test as part of the home inspection.



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