



Client Name: Address: Date: Time: Weather Conditions: Type of Structure: Estimated Year built:

Jane Doe

1544 Lark Lane SE, Kentwood, MI Date: 3-3-2019 Time: 1:00 pm Weather Conditions: 65 F; Cloudy, recent rain Type of Structure: 1.5 Story; 3 bed, 2 bath Estimated Year built: 1965

SUMMARY



Jane,

Thank you for calling Blue House Home Inspections, LLC. Please read this report carefully, and if you have any questions do not hesitate to call me. Congratulations on your new home!

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Summary list of electrical, mechanical and plumbing items not operating, roof leaks and deficiencies:		
-	Plumbing supply line and drain leaks. See Plumbing and Bathroom section.	
-	Electrical defects noted throughout home. See Electrical section.	
-	Dryer vent broken and venting to interior. See Kitchen and Appliance section.	
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 Current roof leaks around roof boots and vents. See Attic and Roofing sections.

Summary list of some important items not at present defective or in need of repair or replacement, but may be within the next 5 years:

- A/c system age. See Cooling section.
- Older kitchen appliances. Consider replacing. See Kitchen and Appliance section.
- Older windows throughout home. See Interior section.

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TYPE OF BUILDING	⊠Single ⊠ Gable roof	Duplex Rowhouse/Townhouse Multi-Unit Shed Hip Gambrel Mansard Flat
	Built (yr):	1965
	Foundation:	Poured concrete Block Brick Brick & Block
	Posts/Columns:	🖾 Steel 📃 Masonry 🖾 Wood 🔲 Concrete 🔲 Not Visible
	Floor Structure:	Wood rafter
	Wall Structure:	2x4 stud
STRUCTURE	Roof Structure:	Rafter
	Water Damage:	Some signs Extensive None observed
	Signs of	
	Abnormal	Some signs Extensive None observed
	Condensation:	
	🔀 No Major Struc	tural defects noted – in normal condition for its age

There were several signs of settling or shifting that had caused cracking in walls and ceiling throughout the home at the time of the inspection. There were no major foundation cracks or damages noted that would indicate structural issues beyond natural settling over time.





BASEMENT (OR LOWER LEVEL)

BASEMENT	Full Partial None Slab on grade Walls: Open Closed Ceiling: Open Closed Limited visibility due to extensive basement storage	
FLOOR	Concrete Dirt Resilient tile Sheet goods Carpeting	Satisfactory
FLOOR DRAIN	Tested Not tested Water observed in crock	Satisfactory
SUMP PUMP	Tested Not tested Water observed in crock Pipes: Copper Galvanized Plastic	Satisfactory
BASEMENT DAMPNESS	Some signs Extensive Past Present Not known	
CRAWL SPACE	 Readily accessible Not readily accessible Not inspected Conditions inspection Method: From access cutout Floor: Concrete Dirt Wood to earth contact Dampness: Some signs Extensive None observed Vapor barrier Insulation Ventilation 	Satisfactory

REMARKS

The home had a waterproofing system installed around the perimeter on the interior basement walls at the time of the inspection. This type of system works to contain the water leaking through walls of the home and drain it all to the installed sump pumps. There was a sump pump installed in the basement laundry room and crawlspace and both were equipped with battery backups.



There was a basement dehumidifier system installed in the home (these are generally installed with waterproofing systems) at the time of the inspection that was functioning properly.

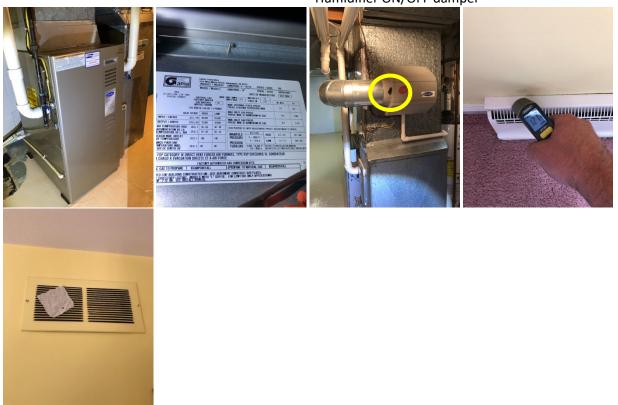




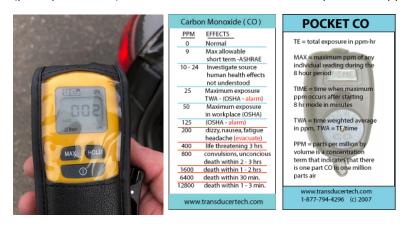
HEATING SYSTEM	Fuel: Gas Oil Electric Satisfactory Forced air furnace Gravity gas furnace N/A Forced hot water boiler Steam boiler N/A Radiant heat Electric baseboard Heat Pump No. 1 Capacity: 80,000 BTU Age 12 No. 2 Capacity Age Yrs. When turned on by Fired Did not fire thermostat Did not fire
FUEL SUPPLY	Oil tank in basement Buried Public gas supply Tank Electricity Fuel supply shutoff location: Basement mechanical room
HEAT EXCHANGER	Partially observed Not visible, enclosed combustion N/A Have condition checked before settlement
HEAT DISTRIBUTION	Radiators Convectors Baseboard convectors Radiant Pipes: Galvanized Copper Black iron Pipes not visible Ductwork Satisfactory Heat source in each room Yes No N/A
HUMIDIFIER	Atomizer Evaporator Steam Not functioning N/A
FILTER	Washable Disposable Electronic Electrostatic
SUPPLEMENTARY HEAT	Location Type n/a n/a Satisfactory

The furnace fired when activated by the thermostat at the time of the inspection and produced sufficient heat at tested registers throughout the home (Normal expected range is between 110-120+ degrees Fahrenheit at registers). Return air was pulling sufficient air back to the furnace (holding tissue paper against vent). The unit appeared to be installed in 2004 based on the serial number (typical average lifespan is 20-25 years). Note that disposable filters this size should be changed every 2-3 months during peak usage seasons (summer cooling & winter heating). A clogged or backwards filter will decrease the efficiency of the furnace and make the unit work harder as air flow is being restricted. A whole house humidifier damper needs to be closed (OFF) every summer and opened (ON) every winter with the humidistat on the ductwork being adjusted to the desired humidity setting. We suggest regular service/preventative maintenance by a licensed HVAC contractor to help prolong the life and efficiency of the unit. Generally, the best time for service is right before start-up as the temperature drops in the Fall.

Humidifier ON/OFF damper



The maximum monitored carbon monoxide (CO) measured for the duration of the inspection was 2ppm (parts per million). Max allowable for short-term exposure is 9ppm (see chart below).





	Cooling system integral with heating system
	Central air 🗌 Room units 🗌 Heat pump 📃 N/A
	Through-wall
COOLING	Electric compressor Gas chiller
	🔜 Air filter 🔜 Air handler 🔄 Thermostat
	No. 1 Condensing Unit Capacity: 2.5 Ton Age: 29 Yrs
	Tested Not tested

The A/C functioned properly when tested at the time of the inspection and produced sufficient cool air at tested registers throughout the home (Normal expected range is between 45-55 degrees Fahrenheit at registers). There was no visible damage to the exterior condenser unit or interior A-coil noted. We do recommend covering the exterior condenser as much as possible in the fall and winter months to protect against debris collecting inside and falling ice from the roof that can damage the unit. We suggest regular service/preventative maintenance by a licensed HVAC contractor to help prolong the life and efficiency of the unit. Generally, the best time for service is right before start-up in the Spring. The A/C system was approximately 29 (1990) years old. The A/C system should be considered a potential service, repair, or replacement item within the next 5 years (typical average lifespan is 15-20 years).





PLUMBING AND BATHROOM

WATER SERVICE	Water supply: 🔀 Public 🔄 Private 🔄 Not known 🛛 🔀 Satisfactory			
ENTRANCE	Pipe: 🔀 Copper 🔄 Galvanized 🔄 Brass 🔄 Plastic			
	Main shutoff location: Basement NE corner			
PIPE	🔀 Copper 🔄 Galvanized 🔄 Brass 🔄 Plastic 🔄 Unknown 🛛 🔛 Satisfactory			
	Water flow: Tested Not tested N/A			
	Leaks: 🔀 <mark>Some signs</mark> 🔲 None observed			
	Cross connections: 🔲 None observed			
	Hose bibs: 🔀 Operating 🔲 Frost free 🗌 Not tested			
DRAIN/WASTE/VENT	Drain/Waste/Vent Pipes: Copper Galvanized Brass			
	Plastic 🗌 Lead 🛛 Cast iron 🗍 Unknown			
	Slow drain 🛛 Leaks 🗍 None observed			
	Waste disposal: X Public Private Not known			
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WATER HEATER				
	Gas Electric Oil Integral with heating Satisfactory			
	system			
	In line system Fuel cutoff location: <u>Above unit</u> N/A			
	Capacity: Ample for: People Age: 4 Yrs.			
	Pressure relief valve Extension			

REMARKS

The water heater produced excessive hot water at tested faucets the time of the inspection (Expected range is 110-120 degrees Fahrenheit). Water temperatures were exceeding 150 degrees, which can cause third degree burns to skin in as little as 2 seconds. Temperatures can be adjusted at the unit. The water heater was approximately 2 years old based on the serial number.





BATHROOM NO. 1 Location: Master	Built in tub Leg tub Stall shower Whirlpool Toilet Bidet Lavatory Vanity Fan Window Shower wall: Ceramic tile Fiberglass Drywall Room floor: Ceramic tile Resilient Vinyl Leaks: some signs None observed	Satisfactory
COMMENTS		
BATHROOM NO. 2 Location: Shared	Built in tub Leg tub Stall shower Whirlpool Toilet Bidet Lavatory Vanity Fan Window Shower wall: Ceramic tile Fiberglass Drywall Room floor: Ceramic tile Resilient Vinyl Leaks: some signs None observed	Satisfactory
COMMENTS		

There were plumbing drain and supply line leaks noted from the basement at the time of the inspection. There were also slow drains noted due to improperly run drain line slope. We recommend contacting a licensed plumber to correct these issues and repair any leaking pipes.

Stall shower in master bathroom: Leaking drain connection and shimmed up off the floor



Master bathroom sink: Flex connection to main plumbing should be replace with hard pipe. Leaking joints. Sink overflow line showing signs of leaking.



Supply line valve: leaking



Slow drain in master bathroom sink and whirlpool due to incorrect drain slope:





ELECTRICAL

SERVICE ENTRANCE CABLE	Capacity: <u>150</u> Amps <u>120-240</u> Volts Service line entrance: Overhead Underground Raceway Conductor material: Copper Aluminum	Satisfactory
MAIN PANEL	Location: Basement Mech. room 🔀 Grounded 🔲 Bonded	Satisfactory
BOX	150 Amps 🔄 Fuses 🔀 Circuit Breakers	N/A
	Subpanel Location: Garage	
	Capacity of Main Disconnect: 150 Amps	
CIRCUITS	Quantity: 🔀 Ample 🛛 Branch wiring: 🛄 Copper 🛄 Aluminum	Satisfactory
AND	Wiring method: 🔀 Romex 🔲 BX 🦳 Knob and tube	
CONDUCTORS	🔲 Raceway 🔄 Conduit 🔄 Over-fused circuit 🔀 <mark>Double tap breaker</mark>	
	GFCI: 🔀 Exterior 🔀 Garage 🔀 Kitchen 🔀 Bathroom(s)	
OUTLETS AND	🔀 Random testing 🔀 Reversed polarity 📃 Open ground	Satisfactory
FIXTURES	Smoke detectors absent	

REMARKS

There were two multi-tap breakers (double and triple tapped) in the main panel in the basement at the time of the inspection. These types of breakers are designed to hold two copper wires at the same time, but even the double-tapped breaker was wired incorrectly for the breaker type. We recommend having these circuits separated to individual breakers in the panel. There were also signs of mice droppings and nesting in the main panel



There were several miscellaneous electrical defects noted around the home's interior and exterior at the time of the inspection.

Exposed wiring in bedroom closets: Junction boxes and conduit required



Loose outlets on walls:



Taped clumps of wiring next to main electrical panel: Proper junction boxes and wiring connections required.



Garden hose used as exterior conduit: Proper conduit materials, mounting off the ground, and GFCI outlet required.



Conduit junction elbow box disconnected at house: Secure connection required to keep water out.



Generator wire from main panel left exposed on the ground on the exterior of the home.





KITCHEN AND APPLIANCES-

CABINETS AND COUNTERTOP		Satisfactory
SINK	Plumbing leaks: Some signs None observed Disposal: Operating Not operating Age: Yrs.	Satisfactory
DISHWASHER	Operating Not operating Age: Yrs.	Satisfactory
RANGE/OVEN (Kitchen)	Range Operating Gas Electric Age: Yrs. Wall oven Operating Gas Electric Age: 31 Yrs. Cooktop Operating Gas Electric Age: 31 Yrs.	Satisfactory
REFRIGERATOR	#1 Operating Frost free Icemaker 6 Yrs. #2 Operating Frost free Icemaker Yrs.	Satisfactory
OTHER APPLIANCES	Microwave Operating Age: <u>31</u> Yrs. Operating Age: Yrs.	Satisfactory
FLOOR COVERING	Resilient tile Sheet goods Ceramic Wood	Satisfactory
VENTILATION	Exhaust fan Ductless Vented to outside	Satisfactory
CLOTHES WASHER	Operating Age: 9 Yrs.	Satisfactory
CLOTHES DRYER	Operating Gas Electric Age: 5 Yrs. Yrs. Not Tested Vented to: Exterior through stairwell	Satisfactory

REMARKS

All appliances functioned properly at the time of the inspection. The kitchen wall oven, cooktop and microwave appeared to be original to the home (1988) based on serial numbers – these should be considered potential repair or replacement items within the next 5 years.



The dryer could not be tested as the dryer vent was broken in the stairwell – this should be repaired before use.







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🦳 Wall-to-Wall Carpet 🔛 Resilient 🔛 Laminate	
FLOORS Vinyl 🔀 Ceramic	
WALLS Plaster 🛛 Drywall 🗌 Wood 🗌 Masonry 🗌 Paneling 🛛 Satisfac	tory
CEILINGS Plaster 🛛 Drywall 🗌 Wood 🗌 Acoustical tile 🕅 Satisfac	ctory
STAIRS/ RAILINGS Balcony 🛛 Stairs 🖾 Railings 🖾 Satisfac	tory
N/A	
FIREPLACE Flue liner Partially observed Satisfac	tory
🖂 Damper 🖂 Operating 🗌 Not Operating	
Metal pre-fab 🔄 Free-standing 🔛 Wood stove 🔛 Pellet stove	
🖂 Gas 🖂 Operating 🔄 Not Operating 🔄 Clean chimney before use	
DOORS (INSIDE)	tory
WINDOWS AND 🛛 Double hung 🗌 Single hung 🖾 Casement 🗌 Awning 🖾 Satisfact	tory
SKYLIGHTS Sliding Fixed 🛛 Wood 🗌 Vinyl or aluminum clad wood 🗍 N/A	
Vinyl 🔄 Aluminum 🔄 Steel 🔄 Insulated glass	
Single pane glass 🗌 Roof windows and skylights	

Most windows in the home were older, wood framed windows with single pane glass – these will work fine, but the home's efficiency will suffer. All windows appeared in functional condition although some had been painted shut. Consider updating the home's windows or adding storm windows to the exterior for better insulation and efficiency.



There were multiple ceiling cracks noted throughout the home at the time of the inspection. All material seemed to be secured solidly in place and cracks were likely coming from the home's settling and age. There were water stains noted on the upstairs east bedroom ceiling, but this appeared to be past staining.





ACCESS	How Inspected: Crawled in	Not inspected	Satisfactory
	🔄 Stairs 🔄 Pulldown 🔀 Scuttlehole	No access	N/A
MOISTURE	🔀 <mark>Some signs</mark> 📃 Extensive 📃 None obser	ved	
STAINS	Condensation		
STORAGE	📃 Heavy 🔀 Light 🔀 Floored 📃 Not floor	ed 📃 No storage	
INSULATION	Type: Blown A	verage Inches: <u>12-14"</u>	Satisfactory
	Installed in: 🔲 Rafters 🛛 Floor App	rox. R Rating: R40-50	N/A
	🔲 Vapor retarder		
VENTILATION	Window(s) Attic fan Whole house	fan 🔄 Turbine	Satisfactory
	🔀 Ridge vent 🔀 Soffit vent 🗌 Roof vent(s) 🔲 Gable end louvers	N/A

The attic space showed signs of current leaking at the time of the inspection. There were areas noted from walking the roof that were potential leak points and most had areas of wet insulation noted below in the attic. Leaking at most spots appeared to be fairly minor, but any roof leak should be corrected. We recommend contacting a roofing contractor to replace roof boots around all plumbing vents and metal chimney stacks as well as seal any damaged areas or exposed nail heads. Overview:

Floored area: flooring material is thin; use caution when walking through this area as floor bows between trusses.



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ATTIC

Below PVC plumbing vents:



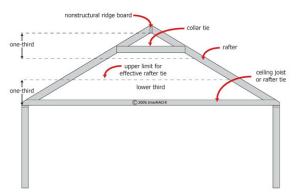
Below metal chimney stacks:



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There was a damaged truss connection at the roof peak near top of the pulldown stairs to the attic. We recommend securing the peak point and adding a collar tie for additional support (general concept pictured below for collar tie). This is likely the truss that gets used as a support handle/railing when climbing into the attic storage space.







ROOFING SYSTEM

ROOF	Location	Materials	Age	
COVERING	Home	Composition Shingle	~24 yrs	Satisfactory
				Satisfactory
	How Inspected:			
	Roof leaks: 🛛 🔀 <mark>Some si</mark>	gns 🗌 Extensive 🗌	None observed	
FLASHING	🖂 Aluminum 📃	Galvanized 🗌 Copper		Satisfactory
	Rubberized membrane			N/A
GUTTERS AND	🔀 Aluminum 📃 Galvanized	Copper 🗌 Vinyl 🗌 Wood		Satisfactory
DOWNSPOUTS	Extensions: 🔀 Yes 🔲 No			N/A

REMARKS

The roof of the home appeared to be original to the home's construction in ~1995. The architectural shingles were still in fair condition, but age and wear were showing on many of the roof boots and vents. The rubber boots were cracking and curling and allowing gaps from the roof and covered pipes. There were many exposed nails (some were likely were covered at one point) around the roof that had rusted and will be potential leak points – these should be covered over with a dab or tar or caulk. There were multiple tree limbs that should be trimmed back off of the roof surface. We recommend contacting a roofing contractor to replace roof boots around all plumbing vents and metal chimney stacks as well as seal any damaged areas or exposed nail heads. Any water damaged roof decking should be replaced, and wet insulation should be removed from the attic space.

Overview:



Exposed, rusting nailing:



Cracked and curling plumbing vent boots:



Satellite dish installation damage:

Old dish mount?:



Tree limbs growing in contact with roof shingles:







EXTERIOR DOORS			Satisfactory
WINDOWS AND			Satisfactory
SKYLIGHTS			
EXTERIOR WALL	Location	Materials	
COVERING	Home	Vinyl Siding	Satisfactory
	Home	Brick	Satisfactory
			Satisfactory
EXTERIOR TRIM	📃 Eaves 🔀 Fascia 🗌 Soffit	s 🔀 Rake 🔀 Aluminum Wrapped	Satisfactory
	Signs of deterioration	Extensive 🔀 None Observed	
CHIMNEY	🔀 Brick 🗌 Metal 🗌 Block	PVC III chase	Satisfactory
	Flue liner partially observ	ed 🔲 Clean before use	N/A
GARAGE/ CARPORT	🔀 Garage 🔀 Carport 🔀 At		Satisfactory
	🔀 Door operator 🔀 Operat	ing 🔀 Safety reverse	N/A
PORCH FLOOR	🗌 Wood 🛛 🔀 Concrete	e 🔲	Satisfactory
	🔀 Railing/ Guardrail		N/A

There were wall penetrations and a few minor areas of siding damage around the home that should be sealed from the exterior.



The storm door on the front of the home was misaligned and not sealing properly.



The attached garage door safety sensors were mounted too high to work as designed. These sensor eyes are generally required to be installed 6-8 inches from the ground to be effective.





GRADING	General grading, slope and drainage	Satisfactory		
		□ N/A		
	Grading and slope at house wall	Satisfactory		
	(within 5 feet from building)	□ N/A		
SIDEWALK AND	🔀 Concrete 🔲 Brick 🔄 Flagstone 📃	Satisfactory		
WALKWAY		N/A		
DRIVEWAY	🗌 Concrete 🛛 Asphalt 🔛 Gravel 🔤 Brick 📃	Satisfactory		
		N/A		
WINDOW	🔀 Metal 🔄 Brick 🔄 Concrete 📃	Satisfactory		
WELLS		N/A		
RETAINING	🗌 Brick 🔄 Block 🔄 Stone 🖾 Timber 📃	Satisfactory		
WALL		N/A		
TREES AND	Keep trimmed back from the home and roof	Satisfactory		
SHRUBBERY		N/A		
FENCING	🗌 Metal 🛛 🖾 Wood 🔛 Plastic 📃	Satisfactory		
		N/A		
DECK/BALCONY	🔄 Signs of deterioration 🛛 🗌 Extensive 🔄 🔀 None observed	Satisfactory		
	On grade 🛛 Raised 💟 Wood 🗌 Metal 🔄 Handrail	N/A		
PATIO/TERRACE	🔀 Concrete 🔄 Brick 🔄 Flagstone 📃	Satisfactory		
		N/A		
STEPS TO	Landing: 🛛 Concrete/Masonry 🔲 Wood 📃	Satisfactory		
BUILDING	Steps: 🛛 Concrete/Masonry 🔲 Wood 🔲 Metal	🔲 N/A		
	Handrails: 🗌 Wood 🛛 🕅 Metal 📃			
OUTBUILDINGS	Shed; wood T1-11 siding, swinging double doors, 3-tab asphalt shing	e roof		
- REMARKS				

There were trees, vines and shrubbery growing against the exterior wall covering and roof. We recommend keeping all vegetation trimmed back from the home to prevent possible damage to these materials.



The shed was showing signs of deterioration around the wood exterior. We recommend keeping ground cover off of the wood covering. Keep exterior wood painted or sealed to prevent weathering and rot.



The wood decks on the front and rear of the home were in need of stain or sealant at the time of the inspection. We recommend keeping all exterior wood painted, stained, or sealed to prevent wood rot and deterioration and improve the lifespan of the materials. Both decks were also significantly bowed and warped and in need of structural repair.

