

Common Hazardous Items for Bloomington Time-Of-Sale Evaluations

Smoke Detectors

- One [smoke detector](#) is required on every level of the home in a common area, and one smoke detector is required inside every bedroom. *Every smoke detector* must be functional and properly located.

Electrical

- Any potential for electric shock – these items include:
 - Missing cover plates at outlets, switches, or junction boxes
 - Missing knockout plugs at electrical boxes
 - Missing circuit breakers or fuses
- Broken lights, outlets, or switches that create an immediate shock hazard.
- Extension cords being used in lieu of permanent wiring. The most common locations for extension cords are at garage door openers and water softeners.
- Spliced wires without a junction box
- Improperly terminated wires
- Evidence of tampering or oversized fuses / circuit breakers requires certification by an electrician.

Plumbing

- Laundry faucets and exterior faucets (sillcocks) must be provided with [backflow preventers](#) if a garden hose can be attached.
- [Hand showers](#) that could hang in to tub water require repair – there are several ways to address this. Click the link above to read more about this.
- Leaking fixtures, such as a leaking laundry faucet, require repair.
- Abandoned fixtures must be made operational or removed.
- Water turned off at the property requires a full re-inspection by the city of all plumbing fixtures.
- Leaking drains, clogged drains, holes in drains, holes in vents, and any gaps that could allow sewer gas in to the home must be repaired.
- [Floor drains](#) must have a cleanout plug present, and must be operational.
- [Toilet ballcocks](#) must be an anti-siphon type, and must be properly installed.
- Faucet openings located below the spill line of the fixture will typically require repair.



Gas Piping

- Improper [appliance connectors](#) must be replaced
- Open / uncapped gas lines require repair.

Boilers

- Must have a proper [backflow prevention device](#)

Furnaces

- Excessive scale, flame distortion, or rust requires a certification.

