

## **Pre-Drywall Inspection Checklist**

### **A Contractor-Proven Walkthrough Before Insulation & Drywall**

#### **When to Use This:**

After framing, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC rough-ins are complete — before insulation or drywall.

#### **Why This Matters:**

Once drywall is installed, mistakes become hidden and significantly more expensive to correct. Some issues can never be fully fixed without demolition.

#### **This walkthrough protects:**

- Structural integrity
- Safety and code compliance
- Future flexibility and resale value

### **Framing & Structural**

- ☐ Walls framed according to approved plans
- ☐ Stud spacing consistent (typically 16" or 24" on center)
- ☐ No split, cracked, bowed, or twisted studs
- ☐ Headers installed over all doors and windows
- ☐ Window and door openings square and properly sized
- ☐ Load-bearing walls properly supported
- ☐ Fire blocking installed where required
- ☐ Stair framing secure and code-compliant
- ☐ No unauthorized cuts to joists, beams, or trusses

### **Electrical (Rough-In)**

- ☐ Outlet, switch, and light locations match plans
- ☐ Outlet heights consistent throughout the home
- ☐ GFCI locations installed correctly (kitchen, baths, garage, exterior)
- ☐ Dedicated circuits installed where required (HVAC, appliances)
- ☐ Ceiling fan boxes rated for fan support
- ☐ Recessed lights rated for insulation contact (if required)
- ☐ Low-voltage wiring installed (internet, TV, security, doorbell)
- ☐ Extra outlets installed where needed (garage, closets, pantry)
- ☐ No exposed or damaged wiring
- ☐ Electrical rough inspection passed or scheduled

### Plumbing (Rough-In)

- ☐ Water lines secured and protected
- ☐ Drain and vent lines sloped correctly
- ☐ Shut-off valves installed and accessible
- ☐ Tub and shower valves set to correct depth
- ☐ Hose bibs installed in correct locations
- ☐ No visible leaks or loose fittings
- ☐ Bathtubs and shower pans properly supported
- ☐ Plumbing pressure test completed
- ☐ Plumbing rough inspection passed or scheduled

### HVAC & Ventilation

- ☐ Supply and return ducts installed per plan
- ☐ Ductwork sealed and supported (no crushed flex duct)
- ☐ Return air locations correct
- ☐ Bathroom exhaust fans vented outside
- ☐ Kitchen hood vented outside (if applicable)
- ☐ Thermostat locations confirmed
- ☐ HVAC rough inspection passed or scheduled

### Safety & Code Items

- ☐ Smoke detector wiring installed in required locations
- ☐ Carbon monoxide detector wiring installed where required
- ☐ Fire-rated assemblies completed (garage walls and ceilings)
- ☐ Draft stopping and fire blocking installed
- ☐ All penetrations sealed or ready for sealing

### Blocking & Future-Proofing

- ☐ Blocking installed for TV mounts
- ☐ Blocking installed for towel bars and accessories
- ☐ Blocking installed for future grab bars
- ☐ Cabinet and shelving backing installed
- ☐ Extra conduit installed for future wiring
- ☐ Photos taken of all walls and ceilings before insulation

### Final Pre-Drywall Approval

- ☐ All corrections completed
- ☐ Changes documented and approved in writing
- ☐ Insulation inspection requirements confirmed
- ☐ Approved to proceed with insulation and drywall

### Contractor-Proven Tip

If something looks questionable at this stage, stop the job and fix it now.

Once drywall is installed, corrections cost significantly more—and some mistakes can't be undone.