

# CHAPTER 7 TYPICAL PLAN & INSPECTION REPORTS FOR INTELLIGENT PEST MANAGEMENT®

"The only thing that never forgets is a piece of paper with proper notations and is properly filed away" – SLT 289

# GET SET PUBLIC SCHOOL INTELLIGENT PEST MANAGEMENT® PLAN

	Signed for by District/School
	Signed for by Get Set
Michigan Regulation #637	
District Pesticide Policy	
Operations Office Intelligent Pest Management® Plan Implemented	

### **FACT SHEET**

# "Who would want to live in a world which is just not quite fatal." Rachel Carson, Silent Spring

Many well-intentioned past *protective* practices of the have resurrected themselves today as threats. Arsenic was used from the Civil War to 1910 as a major part of embalming fluids; asbestos was intended to fireproof structures; landfills were intended to improve sanitary conditions; chlordane, heptachlor, DDT and other banned volatile, synthetic pesticide poisons were originally supposed to *protect* us, our children, pets and/or food against the damaging effects of "pests". Potential adverse health and/or environmental problems were simply not a concern of the time. All of these terrible poisons started out being sold as *cures*! Today we must be concerned not to allow any more *protective cures* of today come back to *haunt* us tomorrow.

When *Silent Spring* was published in 1962, only about 700,000 pounds of volatile, synthetic pesticide poisons were used in the U. S. annually...over 45 years later, yearly synthetic pesticide poison active ingredient use has topped 4.6 **billion** pounds. Some of the problem with volatile, synthetic pesticide poisons are:

- A. They do not stay where they are supposed to stay...they volatilize and/or drift.
- B. They do not discriminate enough in what they kill...they kill everything.
- C. Pests build up a resistance...people do not.
- D. Pests can become immune...people do not.
- E. Many pesticide poisons or their metabolites are stored in animal tissue, some are carcinogenic.

Over 45 years later most of us have experienced springs with fewer songbirds and butterflies, fish sick or dead in our lakes and streams, and the absence of beneficial insects like ladybugs...not to mention the phenomenal increase in cancer, chemical sensitivity, autism, health problems, birth defects and immune deficiency diseases in our own families.

We must not let Rachel Carson's bleak vision for the future come completely to pass. More than ever, we must recognize the warnings we are being given and act on them before it's too late. That is why the Author only uses and only recommends Pestisafes® and other non-toxic (or least-toxic as a last resort) alternatives to these dangerous, volatile pesticide POIONS to "control" termites and other pests.



# EARTHTEK PROTECTION SYSTEM™

The Beneficial Frequency of the Earth Card™ Polarizing Energy Field



- Produces a barrier of natural energy useful in Integrated Pest Management
- Freshens air
- Promotes plant growth

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### Questions Most Commonly Asked

How does the Earth Card Energy Field protect our home, office or outside area?

The Earth Cards set up an ionizing light frequency outside the visible spectrum that balances energies inside your space.

is external power required?

No, because the Earth Cards are in effect using the earth's own energy to set up the polarizing energy field.

How do I know anything is really happening with this Earth Card Energy Field since its workings are invisible to the eye?

Roaches, ants, silverfish and certain other insects leave.

How long do they last? 2 years.

How long until we notice the effects of the energy field?

From 3 to 10 days.

What size area can the Earth Card Energy Field protect?

Your entire house and/or outside area.

How many sets do I need? Just one set for indoors will cover the average size home.

Is the system difficult to inetall?

In most cases it takes about 10 minutes. Just place one bracket in each of the corners of the area you desire to cover.

Can the Earth Cards be hidden in cabinets, behind walls, obstructed by metal and/or stone and still function? Yes. How are Earth Cards used in Integrated Pest Management?

Their proper placement creates a negative-lon effect which alters a pest's habitat. A barrier of Natural Energy is created.

Does the system come with a warranty?

Yes, 2 year replacement.

Earthtek Protection System™

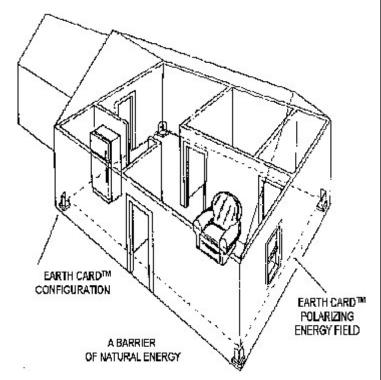
Earth Cards™ never need recharging and last for 2 years.

The Earth Cards™ when in their grid system combine to create a unique lonizing energy field of natural energy — A BARRIER OF NATURAL ENERGY.

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### What is Integrated Pest Management?

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an approach to pest management that combines a variety of ecological, physical, and chemical techniques. Integrated Pest Management was developed in the 1950s by agricultural scientists as a means for overcoming the problems associated with pesticide dependence, namely potential health and environmental risks, decreasing effectiveness, and mounting chemical costs. Since its earliest use, IPM has been praised by entomologists as "the only rational approach to providing long-term solutions to pest problems." In the last fifteen years, the theory behind IPM has been adapted to urban settings. As a program for sensible pest management, it is rapidly growing in importance. In the urban environment, IPM is used both outdoors, for lawns, gardens, and parks, and for indoor pest control in homes, apartments, hospitals, and schools. Indoor IPM, often referred to as structural IPM, is the newest application of this alternative theory of pest control.



As a strategy for pest control, IPM is not simply a quick substitute for systematic pesticide application. Rather, it is a collection of techniques that are organized around a complete understanding of the underlying causes of pest problems. The techniques of IPM are clearly different from those used in conventional pest control, but the most fundamental distinction is the concept of integrated management. With IPM, many different treatment techniques are pieced together into a system of pest control geared to the particular pest problem. This approach requires that decisions be made about which techniques, in which combinations, will be the most safe, effective and cost efficient.

The key in structural IPM is to "build out the pest." This means designing or repairing a building's structure so as to reduce pest entry and block the pathways that pests usually follow. An IPM procedure emphasizes the techniques that improve the structure of the building because they lead to long-term suppression of the pest problem. Basically, the conditions conducive to pest infestation are changed by utilizing the following techniques:

- 1. Design or redesign the structure to build out pests.
- 2. Modify the habitat, reducing pest harborage areas, food and other life-support requirements. Examples include caulking, sealing cracks, fixing moisture problems, utilizing effective cleaning procedures to remove the pest's food, and using Earth Cards™ to create a negative ion effect within the pest's habitat.
- 3. Educate the pest management staff, building occupants, and administration. Educational programs need to include the techniques of IPM and promote understanding of the barriers most often faced in this kind of program.
- 4. Employ physical and other controls such as barriers and traps. Physical control methods for pests include traps to catch pests, screens to prevent pests from moving between apartments or rooms in a building, and other barriers such as the Earth Card™ Energy Field, which discourages pests from gaining access to the buildings and other areas.
- 5. Use chemical controls as a last resort.

Note: There are several manufacturers (or providers) of purple anodized aluminum or negative ion plates that create or focus natural energy. Earthtek Corporation has the trademark names Earth Cards and Bug Banishers and advertises these are useful in pest control. There has been literature, e.g., Vibrational Medicine and Linda Goodman's Sun Signs and Star Signs and studies that other anodized aluminum plates also repel insect pests and create useful natural energy. The other plates have been used in the space shuttle and elsewhere to reduce depression and create a feeling of well being and/or euphoria. Some of the literature states the plates usually contain fragmented granite and the reoriented crystalline granules are embedded in a polyester resin sealed in plastic creating a single "crystal" that constantly emits positive energy, capable of penetrating any material. The Advanced Level Urban and Industrial IPM - Purdue University correspondence course (see their pages 373 and 198) (without testing them) calls the use of Earth Cards "absurd". The advanced course then goes on to discuss the use of various pesticides, etc. to control pests. Pesticides have never truly controlled, much less eliminated, pests; they have, however, poisoned many people including this Author. It's funny that "Purdue's advanced IPM" course still advocates in lesson 20 the use of Dursban LO to "treat" flea infested floors/carpets - in January, 1997, Dow Elanco formerly agreed (in response to a November 1996 coaliton of medical researchers and environmental groups who asked EPA to "ban the use of chlorpyrifos altogether on pets and the indoor environment") to "voluntarily" eliminate the use of Dursban for indoor broadcast flea treatments, indoor total release aerosols/foggers, and or direct application to companion animals (pet dips, shampoos and spray), etc. Someone should tell these "advanced" IPM experts from Purdue that IPM does not mean "Include Pesticides Monthly."

### **GET SET PUBLIC SCHOOL PESTICIDE POLICY**

### **PESTICIDE POLICY**

The Board of Education of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Pubic Schools recognizes its responsibility to maintain the educational and aesthetic environment of all school facilities through a complete integrated pest management maintenance program. This maintenance program at times may (as a last resort) require the use of a least-toxic pesticide; it is the policy of this School District that all pesticide applications be made only by a Get Set, Inc. State Certified Applicator. The decision to apply a pesticide shall be made by the District's maintenance personnel only after proper notification and posting has been completed and only after a consultation with a Get Set, Inc. State Certified Applicator. It is the intent of this policy that the health and safety of all people who use school facilities shall be protected.

### **PESTICIDE RULE**

If after exhausting all of the Pestisafes® and/or alternative techniques found in <u>The Best Control II</u>® Master IPM Planning Manual the District maintenance staff and Get Set, Inc. believe a spot application of a least-toxic (non-volatile) pesticide is required, the following procedure will be utilized:

- Intelligent Pest Management® Techniques must be used whenever possible; these shall include the following:
  - A. <u>Detection</u> Careful monitoring of sites for pests to prevent a major infestation.
  - B. <u>Identification and evaluation</u> Make sure that the pest is really a problem.
  - C. <u>Risk Significance</u> At what level are people or facilities at risk of being damaged from a specific pest. Learn their Modis Operandi to control/evaluate risk potential.
  - D. <u>Method Selection</u> It is important that the method chosen to control the pest be a non-toxic alternative, e.g., vacuums, caulking, screening, habitat reduction, negative ion plates, etc.
  - E. Evaluation All controls must be monitored and evaluated as to their effectiveness.

### 2. Least-toxic Pesticide Applications

A. **No** pesticides can be applied until **all** the Pestisafes® and/or alternatives noted in <u>The BestControl II</u>® have been first implemented by District staff or there is a clear and present danger to occupants

greater than that of the pesticide poison to be used.

- B. Any and all pesticides shall only be applied by a Get Set, Inc. Certified Applicator.
- C. All applications will comply with the following criteria:
  - 1. Directions on pesticide labels shall be followed.
  - 2. All State and Federal laws shall be followed.
- D. No pesticides shall be applied by District staff, teachers, students, etc. or stored anywhere on premises. No students can be inside any part of the building at the time.
- E. No volatile, synthetic pesticide poisons shall be applied.

# GET SET PUBLIC SCHOOL INTELLIGENT PEST MANAGEMENT® PLAN

### **DEFINITION**

Intelligent Pest Management® (IPM) is a pest management strategy that focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of pest problems with minimum impact on human health, the environment and non-target organisms. Preferred pest management techniques include correcting the conditions conducive to infestation, encouraging naturally-occurring biological controls, using Pestisafes® and/or alternate plant species or varieties that resist pests, adoption of cultivation, pruning, fertilization or irrigation practices that reduce pest problems, or changing the habitat to make it incompatible with pest development. **Broad spectrum and/or volatile, synthetic pesticide poisons are never to be used.** Least-toxic pesticides are used only a **last resort** when careful monitoring indicates they are needed according to pre-established guidelines and then they are to be applied **only** by Get Set, Inc. Certified Applicators. When least-toxic treatments are necessary, only the least-toxic and most target-specific pesticides are chosen.

This plan accepts the fact there will always be some insect pests present on District sites. Given this fact, the goal is to manage the pest at a tolerable level to maintain a safe and healthy school environment. The implementation of this plan shall be in compliance with **The Best Control II**®, all District policies, and all local, state and federal laws or regulations. Before beginning the plan you must first define the roles and responsibilities of all the various people involved in the pest management system (i.e., occupants, pest managers, decision makers), and assure understanding and establish communications between them.

### SITE EVALUATION

Site inspections, monitoring and evaluations are to be performed by the District's maintenance/custodial/grounds staff under the direct supervision of Get Set, Inc. personnel. These evaluations are to include the following 3 areas:

### 1. Description of the site and management objectives for each specific site

- A. Identifying potential problem areas and recommendations to correct these areas.
- B. Identifying all sensitive areas associated with site as defined in any State regulation.

### 2. Inspection of site and description of pest problems found therein

- A. Number of pests found or reported.
- B. Identification and location of pest.
- C. Conditions that are conducive to pest establishment.
- D. Effectiveness of any treatments or controls.

### 3. Monitoring of site

- A. All problem sites are to be closely monitored on a weekly basis by the District's maintenance staff.
- B. Any additional or routine monitoring is to be done at least on a monthly basis by the District's custodial/ grounds staff.
- C. Take corrective actions that modify the sites habitat to reduce carrying capacity of the site, exclude the pest, introduce natural predator or parasite species, or otherwise make the site environment incompat ible with the needs of the pest.

### THRESHOLD LEVEL

Threshold level is defined by the District as the level at which a least-toxic pesticide application by Get Set, Inc. Certified Applicators may be necessary to manage the pest. This level cannot be reached without the District first exhausting **all** of the alternative solutions to the pest problem found in <u>The Best Control II</u> Master IPM Planning Manual.

### **PEST MANAGEMENT METHODS**

The underlying principle of this plan is first for the District to use all of the Pestisafes® or alternative controls listed in <u>The Best Control II</u>®, then as a last resort for Get Set, Inc. to use the least-toxic (non-volatile) alternative possible. All methods are to be evaluated by the District and Get Set, Inc. for safety before they are implemented. The following considerations to pest management are to be used:

- Prevention: This will be achieved by District personnel conducting pest habitat modification or elimination, i.e., routine inspections, caulking of cracks in walls and floors, modification of cleaning and storage practices, correction of the conditions conducive to infestation, etc.
- Reduction: This will be achieved by using a combination of the following techniques: mechanical, e.g., vacuuming, temperature and humidity reduction, etc., biological and, as a last resort, use of a non-volatile chemical or pesticide control by Get Set Certified Applicators.

### **EVALUATION**

The District recognizes its responsibility to evaluate and monitor all aspects of this plan. The following steps to evaluation are to be used:

- 1. All components of this plan are to be evaluated by the District's Operation Department on a yearly basis and discussed with Get Set personnel.
- 2. All pest management methods and controls are to be evaluated and monitored after every use.
- 3. These written inspections and evaluations will be kept on permanent file at the site and Operations Office.

### **RECORD KEEPING**

The following steps are to be used in the District's record keeping:

- 1. All pest management objectives, monitoring methods, data collected and controls conducted and/or used and results obtained shall be recorded in a permanent file at the site and Operations Office.
- 2. The appropriate Get Set pesticide application record form must be used (see attached forms).
  - A. indoor record form
  - B. exterior record form
  - C. pest management checklist
- 3. Upon written request to the Operations Office and Get Set, Inc., these records shall be made available to the public.

### LEAST-TOXIC (NON-VOLATILE) PESTICIDE USE

District will inform all parents that a least-toxic pesticide application is to be made. The Get Set pest management checklist must be used by anyone requested to perform any least-toxic (non-volatile) pesticide control. This form must be completed before every least-toxic pesticide application. A copy of this document must be attached to the appropriate pesticide application record (See attached forms.).

### INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

All inside insect work is covered by the Get Set Intelligent Pest Management® Plan. All outside insect work and/or vertebrate control work inside or outside will be bid by Get Set, Inc. or conducted by District personnel following the guidelines provided by Get Set, Inc. @ 1-616-677-1261.

### **EDUCATION**

The District understands that for this plan to be effective all District employees impacted by this plan will receive adequate training so that it is understood. The District also recognizes its responsibility towards the public that uses its facilities and will establish an avenue by which they can be informed and educated about the District's integrated pest management strategies.

### GET SET PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE SPECIFIC IPM PLAN CHECKLIST (IPM Form #1)

SITE NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
INSPECTOR:	DATE:

AREA IDENTIFICATION			
AREA	NUMBER		
Kitchens			
Cafeteria			
Break Areas			
Bathrooms			
Pre-School			
Kindergarten			
Classrooms			
Offices			
Other (list)			
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GENERAL SITE OBSERVATIONS			
	POOR	FAIR	GOOD
Cleaning			
Food Storage			
Eating Areas Limited			

THE FOLLOWING ABBREVIATIONS ARE TO BE USED WITH THE ATTACHED STRUCTURAL DRAWING #1.

### **CRACKS:**

Floors (FL), Foundations (FO), Interior Walls (IW), Exterior Walls (EW), Plumbing (P), other (List)

THE FOLLOWING ABBREVIATIONS ARE TO BE USED WITH THE ATTACHED STRUCTURAL DRAWING #2.

### **MOISTURE:**

Plumbing Leaks (PL), Earth-to-Wood Contacts (EW), Plugged Drains (PD), Roof Leaks (RL), Door and Window Leaks (DW), Miscellaneous (Describe)

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### **REPAIRS NEEDED:**

Caulking (C), Screens (S), Vacuuming (V), Improved Sanitation (IS), Rodent Proofing, (RP), Trim Branches (TB), Mow Grass (MG), Repair Roof (RR), Repair Trim (RT), Repair Doors (RD), Clean Drains with Enzymes (CDE), Other (List)

SENSITIVE AREAS	
BUS STOPS	
PLAY GROUNDS	
ATHLETIC FIELDS	
PICNIC AREAS, FOOD AREAS, ICE MACHINES	
BODIES OF WATER	
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES	
PRE-SCHOOL/DAY CARE	
SWIMMING POOLS	
LOCKERS	
OTHER _	
RECOMMENDATIONS	

### INTELLIGENT PEST MANAGEMENT® INSPECTION REPORT (FORM IPM #2)

Room or area	Date	Findings or Recommendations	Inspector #
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### GET SET PUBLIC SCHOOLS PEST MANAGEMENT CHECKLIST IPM FORM NO. 3

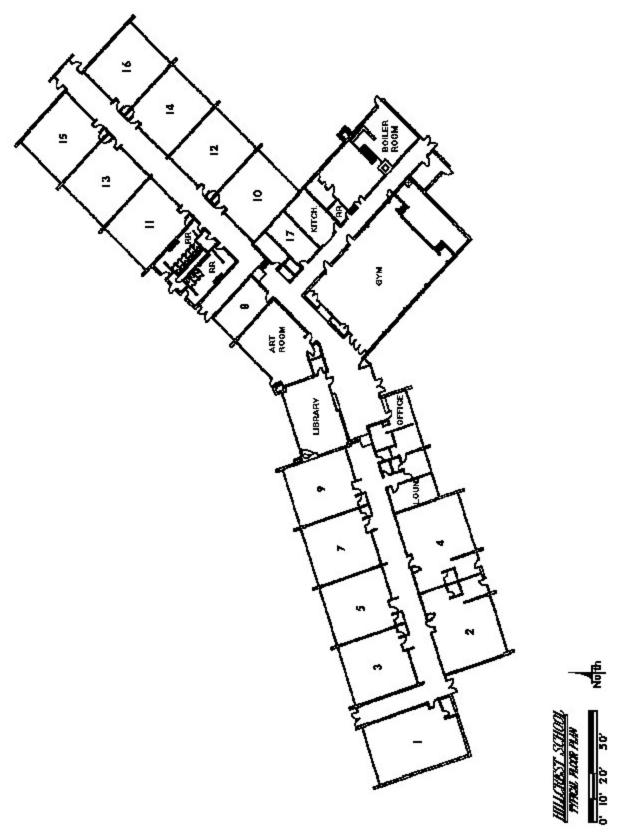
(This form must be completed prior to any least-toxic pesticide application)

1. IPM PLAN  A) Site Evaluation  1. Description  2. Inspection  3. Monitoring  B) Threshold Level  1. Yes	7. DRIFT POTENTIAL  A) Yes  B) No  C) Have all alternative controls been exhausted?  Yes No
1. Yes 2. No C) Management Methods 1. Prevention 2. Reduction D) Method Evaluation 1. Safety 2. Effective 3. Cost	D) List the alternative controls tried:
2. PRE-NOTIFICATION A) Parents B) Custodian C) Administrator	8. DRIFT MANAGEMENT PLAN A) Wind less than 12 mph B) Ventilation off C) Windows closed D) Doors closed
3. LABEL A) Read B) Copy	9. POSTING OUTDOOR A) 24 hours B) Primary entrances C) Copies 1. Building file 2. Operations
4. PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT A) Chemical Boots B) Chemical Gloves C) Goggles D) Approved Respirator E) Best Control Requirements	10. POSTING INDOOR  A) 48 hours  B) Primary entrances  C) Copies  1. Building file  2. Operations
5. CALIBRATED EQUIPMENT A) Yes B) No	11. RECORDS  A) Exterior form  B) Interior form  C) Copies  1. Building file  2. Operations
	All pesticides must only be applied by Get Set, Inc., or a certified applicator per label directions, only after proper notification.
DATE NAME CERTIFICATION NO. REGISTRATION NO.	

# GET SET PUBLIC SCHOOLS IPM FORM NO. 4 EXTERIOR LEAST-TOXIC (NON-VOLATILE) PESTICIDE APPLICATION RECORD

SITE	DATE		
LABOR	TIME		
LEAST-TOXIC (NON-VO	LATILE) PESTICIDE INFORMATION		
Pesticide Name			
Formulation (% Active Ingredient)			
Soluble			
Flowable			
Wettable Powder			
Emulsifible Concentrate			
Granular			
Aerosol			
Ready-to-Use			
APPLICA	TION INFORMATION		
Type of Area Treated			
Target Pest			
Rate of Application			
Formulated Product Used			
Application Equipment			
Weather Condit	ions @ Time of Application		
Air Temperature			
Soil Temperature			
Humidity			
Wind Speed			
Rain within 4 Hours?			
No. of Signs Posted			
Location of Signs			
Comments:	,		

OPERATIONS REPRESENTATIVE Name/Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_Certification No.



LEAST-TOXIC PESTICIDE INFORMATION					
Pesticide Name					
Formulation (% Active Ingredient)					
Soluble					
Flowable					
Wettable Powder					
Emulsifible Concentrate					
Granular					
Aerosol					
Ready-to-Use					
APPLICA <sup>-</sup>	APPLICATION INFORMATION				
Room/Area					
Target Pest & No. Found/Reported					
Rate of Application					
Formulated Product Used					
Concentrate Used					
Application Equipment					
No. of Signs Posted					
Location of Signs					
Housekeeping Information					
OPERATIONS REPRESENTATIVE Name/Signature Certification No. Registration No. Get Set, Inc./Certification No. Emergency Phone No. Signature:					

Address:

		GENERAL INFORMATIO	N SHEET		
Listing agent		Selling	agant:		
Listing agent:Seller:		Division	agent		
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Access: phone no.:					ther:
Special notes/instructions/directions:					
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O3. Roof		07. Bathrooms		O 11. Wood des	troying insect inspection
O 4. Garage		O 8. Plumbing		O 12. Reinspecti	on
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		: O termite guarantee			
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NOTE: When we "suggest attention" be gi	ven to any iten	n, repairs should be done to p	revent further	degradation.	
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	edrooms:	# of bathrooms:		# of misc. rooms:	
5. Weather conditions: 0 F.	O Snow/l		Overcas		/snow OClear
6. Persons at site: OListing agent			O Buyer		
NOTE: This report contains technical informati	on that may not l	e easily understood. Therefore, a	verbal consultat	tion with the inspector is	essential. The
inspection company cannot be held liable for you		-	-		
have any questions) please call the office for you sellers if any features of the property are shared i		-			
known zoning violations. When we suggest you	call a contractor t	o make any repairs, our liability/r	responsibility to	you is ended.	
7. Electricity, water & heat: O On	0.000	O N /A:			
8. House locked/secured: Yes	O Off O No	O By whom:			
9. Contract signed & paid: O Yes	O No	O If no, explain:			
Worksheets signed: O Yes	O No	O If no, explain:			
10. Report given to whom:	0 110	_	x first 2 shee		
	Seller paid:		mments:		
12. Record of previous inspections:	7 F				
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Client agrees in accepting this report	that GET S	ET and the inspector(s)	total liabili	 ity for mistakes o	r omissions in this
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risk of all losses greater than the fee p	oaid for this	inspection. Client furt	her agrees	to immediately a	ccept a refund of the
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Person(s) at site should sign here:					
Inspector(s) should sign here:					

Address:

The overall condition of the house is based on a comparison of this house to a similar home of the same age. It should be understood that the home may receive an Above Average overall rating and still require repairs and/or updating in the future.

O ABOVE AVERAGE

O Needs normal yearly preventative maintenance

O Needs contractor/engineer to further evaluate/repair
O Needs further testing to determine if major repair

O TYPICAL
O Needs further testing to determine if major repair
O Has many inaccessible, concealed, finished or hidden areas
O Major repairs (over \$500.00) Minor repairs (under \$100.00)

Major repairs (over \$500.00) Minor repairs (under \$100.00) if mentioned may only be on the individual sheets (cosmetic damage excluded)

### MAJOR REPAIR SUMMARY

Items marked here as needing visible major repair may have a high probability of involving a significant major expense and/or are visible FHA/HUD health, safety or property preservation requirements -- please call a contractor to make the required repairs. Note: Most components of homes are functional (working) but virtually all of them may/will need some minor repair(s), ongoing maintenance or could be improved. The individual sections may have marks which ask you to call a contractor or engineer prior to close -- if not, consider them to be recommendations and not requirements.

MAJOR REPAIRS NEEDED?  1. GROUNDS  2. EXTERIOR/ FOUNDATION  3. ROOF  4. GARAGE	YES NO N/A O O O O O O O O	Note: For the purpose of this report, the front of the house is considered to be facing:  O NORTH
5. INTERIOR 6. KITCHEN & APPLIANCES 7. BATHROOMS 8. PLUMBING 9. ELECTRICAL/AIR CONDITIONING 10. HEATING 11. WOOD DESTROYING INSECT INSPECTION 12. FHA/HUD REQUIRED REPAIRS (See VC sheet)	000000000	O WEST O SOUTH  Note: Normal routine maintenance will cost a homeowner 1-3% of the home's sale price on ail annual basis.
Comments:		

### GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

A. Inspectors are NOT required to report on or warranty or guarantee:

- 1. the life expectancy of any item, component or system, and/or any consequential loss.
- 2. the causes of the need for a major repair or who is to make or pay for ANY repair.
- 3. the methods, materials and costs of corrections/repairs/replacements.
- 4. the suitability of the property for any specialized use.
- 5. compliance or non-compliance with governing codes, zoning ordinances, restrictive covenants, and statutes including, but not limited to, local building codes, zoning and land use.
- 6. the market value of the property or its marketability.
- 7. the advisability or inadvisability of purchase of the property.
- $8.\,$  any item, component or system which was not observed/contracted for.
- 9. the presence or absence of pests such as wood damaging organisms, rodents, or insects unless contracted for.
- 10. cosmetic repairs, underground items, or items not permanently installed and/or specifically contracted for.
- B. Inspectors are also NOT required to:
  - 1. offer or perform any act or service contrary to law.
  - 2. offer estimates, warranties or guarantees of any kind or offer advice on how to repair/replace/correct any item.
  - 3. offer or perform engineering or architectural services or inspect for fire stopping, fire-code and/or fire-resistant materials.
  - 4. calculate the strength, adequacy, life expectancy or efficiency of any system or component.
  - 5. enter any area or perform any procedure which may damage the property or its components or be dangerous to the inspector or other persons.
  - 6. operate or turn on any system or component which is shut down or otherwise inoperable.
  - 7. operate any system or component which does not respond to normal operating controls.
  - 8. move personal items, furniture, equipment, plant life, soil, snow, ice, debris, etc. which obstruct access or visibility. Client assumes all the risks for all conditions concealed from view at the time of inspection.
  - 9. determine the presence or absence of any suspected hazardous substance including but not limited to: odors, radon, pesticides, asbestos, lead, flood plains, toxins, carcinogens, noise, contaminants in soil, water and air, electro-magnetic fields.
- 10. determine the effectiveness of any system installed to control or remove suspected hazardous substances.
- 11. predict future conditions, including but not limited to failure of any component, and/or acts of God.
- 12. conduct any test or inspection not specifically contracted for.
- C. Imitations and exclusions specific to individual systems are further listed in the contract and/or the individual inspection sheets.
- D. Statement of Policy:

When we suggest a contractor does any corrective work, we do this for two main reasons:

- 1. We will not warranty/guarantee any repairs especially amateur repairs.
- 2. We are trying to save the buyer any reinspection fees.

If any non-contractors or unknown contractors want to *repair* a fault we find we will only note the *repair* has been made; if you require a statement that is *stronger*, call a contractor/engineer.

GET SET HOME INSPECTION **Address: SECTION 1 GROUNDS** O Mature planting O Snow/leaf covered O Typical damage/wear noted **DRIVEWAY** O Concrete O Gravel O Dirt O Other: O Asphalt O Cracks noted: O typical O major O Weeds penetrating O Poor drainage noted O Visually functional O Erosion/efflorescence/deterioration O Surface raised/settled O Needs tar/sealant OTrip hazards/ruts O Normal yearly preventative maintenance suggested O Unable to fully inspect O Stained O Aging O Needs gravel Comments: SIDEWALKS/PATHS O Concrete O Brick O Wood O Stone O Dirt O Other: O Surface raised/settled/stained/eroded O Visually functional O Aging/deteriorating O Trip hazards O Needs tar/sealant O Cracks noted: O typical O major O Weeds penetrating O View blocked O None visible Comments: **GRADING/** O Flat site Steep slope Combination Erosion noted Gentle slope **LANDSCAPE** O Bark/chips O Grass O Dirt O Stones O Concrete Other: O Drain tiles installed O Pitch slope of soil away from foundation at least 1" per 1' O Evidence of poor drainage O Drainage of site/ O See termite report for list of earth-to-wood contacts O Install drain tiles/sump pump slope of soil at O Remove/trim vegetation O Eliminate earth-to-wood contacts O Water access foundation appears O Trees too close to structure O Window wells/covers needed/suggest replacement visually functional O Install/clean eaves troughs and/or extend downspouts O View blocked O Uneven O Suggest attention O Not fully inspected NOTE: Low voltage lighting systems and sprinkler systems are not inspected. Transplant plants after first frost. RETAINING O Metal OConcrete: Oblock/pieces O Timber O Other: WALLS O Displacement/cracks noted O Visible moisture penetration O Rot/water damage O Unable to fully inspect O Not plumb/heaved O Visually functional O Suggest replacement O Suggest attention O Normal yearly preventative maintenance suggested O Drainage openings not evident O None visible Comments: **PATIO** O Other: O Concrete O Brick O Stone O Wood O Trip hazards O Stained/aging OCracks noted: Otypical Omajor O Surface raised/settled ONormal yearly preventative maintenance suggested O Improper wiring noted O Visually functional O Suggest attention Outlets: O3 -prong O 2-prong O none visible O repair O Not fully inspected Weatherproof receptacles: O installed O suggested Orepair O Weeds penetrating ONone visible O'GFCI' outlets: O provided O recommended Odefective O install/repair O functional OView obstructed Oprill marks visible Comments: DECKS/PORCHES OWood Other: O Concrete O Brick O Stone O Rot/moisture damage noted O Carpeted/painted O Paint/seal all surfaces ONot level O Airing deck () Renail O Visually functional O Deteriorated/stained O Piers/posts need footings O Appear unsound O Unable to fully inspect ODrill marks visible **O** Aging O Normal yearly preventative maintenance suggested OCracked/stained Guardrails: On/a O bar spacing over 6" O height under 36" O loose O Suggest attention Ofunctional O loose/improper/marginal O install guardrails Orusting O None visible Comments: EXTERIOR STAIRS O Wood O Metal O Brick OConcrete O N/A O Handrails: O loose O n/a NOTE: Handrails Should be O Handrails functional O Install handrails O Renail Openings in railings too large 30-34" above tread nosing. O Loose/cracked/stained O Carpeted/painted O Rusty Unable to fully inspect O Visually functional O Normal yearly preventative maintenance suggested O More than 3 risers O Uneven O Suggest attention O Paint/stain/seal Comments: **FENCES & GATES** 

O Chain link O Wrought iron O Wire

O Rusting

O Amateur workmanship

O Repaint

O Renail

O Reseal

O Normal yearly preventative maintenance suggested O Repair gate(s) O Suggest replacement Comments:

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O Visually functional

O Marginal materials

O Suggest attention

O Not plumb

O wood

O Discoloration/rusting/aging

Suggest raising height at pool/spa area

Foliage covers, unable to fully inspect

None visible/inspected

O Split rail O Other:

O Loose/missing block/pieces

O Self-closing device needed

O Broken/missing boards/posts

O Loose/rotted posts/boards

O Cracks/openings noted

GET SET HOME INSPECTION **Address:** EXTERIOR/FOUNDATION Contract O Typical damage/wear noted **SECTION 2** SUGGESTION: It is suggested that client observe the appearance/condition of nearby properties, traffic and noise levels at different times of the day, the age mix of the neighbors, the number of children and pets, parking, and zoning restrictions, and the location of shopping, highways, schools, recreation, etc. O Aluminum O Vinyl O Wood O Asphalt OBrick OStone OOther: WALLS O Includes garage O Cracks/aging: O typical O major OSevere damage noted O Loose siding O Patch cracks/openings/gaps/holes OScrape/paint/stain/seal O Not fully visible O Visually functional O Not plumb O Suggest attention O Needs normal preventative maintenance ODented/stained/rusty nails O Visible moisture damage/penetration O Peeling paint --ORemove/trim branches, shrubs, vegetation, vines built prior to 1978 Comments: TRIM, SOFFITS, OPainted/stained wood O Vinvl O Other: O Aluminum & FACIA OMissing/loose/warped O Moisture stains/damage/rust/mildew/rot O View blocked O Needs normal preventative maintenance O Visually functional OScrape/paint/stain O Peeling paint O Suggest attention Comments: **CHIMNEY** O Block O Plastic O Brick O Metal OStucco OConcrete Other: O Water streaks O Visually functional O Cracks, rust, separations, efflorescence O Vent below window O Top less than 2' above ridge O Unlined flue O Patch cracks in chimney cap/flashing O Needs repair/scaler/ tuck & point mortar O Install rain cap/screen O Needs normal preventative maintenance O Cleanout visible O Draft & chimney flue not inspected O Recommend cleaning O Not plumb/aging O Retar/reflash O Bricks delaminating/loose O Rebuild/replace O Deteriorated mortar O Open joints O Call contractor O Not fully inspected Comments: FOUNDATION O Poured concrete O Concrete block OBrick ORubble OStucco OOther: % OCracks noted: Otypical Omajor O Not plumb O Remove firewood/debris Slab OEfflorescence: Ominor Omajor Dirt floor O Visible rot/water damage % **Basement** O Foam board O Uneven areas in flooring Crawl space OMisc. damage: Ominor Omajor OMichigan basement OTypical deterioration noted O Standing water OBowed/walls lean in O Earth-to-wood contacts OVisually functional O Visible moisture penetration/dampness O Cluttered ONot fully visible, unable to fully inspect O Mold/mildew OVents blocked/inadequate OSuggest attention OConcrete deteriorating ONeeds normal preventative maintenance O Open blocks OMonitor cracks OWater control system O Unusual cracks found on walls/floors O Water stains OHave engineer evaluate OMoisture barrier Comments: OPatch cracks/repoint NOTE: Horizontal cracks are more serious than vertical cracks --call a contractor if seen. Nationally, 51% of homes inspected have wet basements. 40% have roof problems and 34% have problems with gutters and downspouts! FRAMING Floor joists: " centers O Beams: O Support walls: " centers OVisually functional Trusses: on O Insulated sill boxes O Suggest attention O No insulation visible O Piers O Insect damage O Fallen/damaged insulation O Jack posts OFinished slab/bsmt O Not fully visible O Call contractor OSagging/unevenness/ O Needs bridging/additional support O Rot/water damage O Marginal/aging differential settlement Comments: SUMP PUMP/ O No sump pump noted: O suggest installation O Aging O Not inspected/tested

BASEMENT DRAIN O No basement drain noted: O suggest installation O Trip hazard O Sump hole -- no pump O Visually functional (Other) location(s): O Suggest attention O Replace cover(s) NOTE: Floor drains and sump pumps often dispose of in materials directly into the soils and ground water and can be source of contamination. They should be sealed oil or labeled with this warning -- "Do not dump anything but O Laundry room water into this drain/sump pump." NEVER use them to dispose of auto oils, grease, hair, paper products, paints or O Improper wiring household chemicals! NOTE: We do not inspect absorption fields and/or discharges. MISCELLANEOUS O Broken/stuck basement windows % Crawl inaccessible: Basement finished: O Cracked/loose mortar O No access to crawl OSuggest more light ODanger of bumping head on headers, joists, lights, pipes, etc.

OBasement stairway: Oadequate O needs repair O marginal

OBasement handrail: Oadequate O needs repair O install

NOTE: All slabs experience some degree of cracking due to shrinking in the drying process. In most instances floor coverings prevent recognition of settlement in all but the most severe cases. The inspector will, at additional cost, reinspect, provided the client removes floor covering and releases the inspector from damage caused by this process. All % figures are approximations. The inspector does not test basement drains or sump pumps or inspect crawl spaces with head room of less than 3 feet, privacy walls, condition of plants, trees and other vegetation or any items concerning drain fields. soils, seasonal moisture problems, geology, site engineering, or determine property boundaries. 93% of homes inspected need exterior maintenance. NOTE: Water remediations and solutions, e.g., drain tiles, drains and sump pumps, may aggravate radon problems -- if installed, test for radon.

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GET SET HOME INSE	PECTION Address:
SECTION 4	GARAGE ONo garage O Aging O Unfinished O Typical damage/wear noted
ТҮРЕ	OAttached ODetached O Stall OPole barn OShed OCarport
ROOF O Visually functional O Suggest attention	OSame as house Oother: OSee roof section Oneeds normal preventative maintenance Comments:
FLOOR  O Visually functional O Suggest attention O Stained O Cracked foundation	OConcrete slab ORaised slab OWood OTar OEarth OOther: OFloor is not fully visible due to: OCracks noted: Otypical Oexcessive Odriveway cracked ONo floor drain noted OFirewood stored inside or stacked next to building OAt same/higher level than living are Comments:
VENTILATION & WINDOWS OVisually functional	O Not inspected O Blocked/stationary O Screens missing/damaged O Need repair O No windows provided O Need normal preventative maintenance Comments:
SERVICE DOOR OVisually functional OSuggest attention ONeeds replacement ONo door/missing OPaint/stain/seal	OMetal OWood OHollow OStorm OFire-resistant OOther: ODamaged/delaminated/stained ONeeds adjustment/repair OLock inoperative ONot tested/blocked/locked ODoor rubs/sticks/works hard ORepair hardware ONeed normal preventative maintenance ORot ORecommend all locks be changed Number exiting to grade: Number entering living space: OSuggest closing device Comments:
OVERHEAD DOOR OVisually functional ONeeds adjustment/ repair/replacement	O Metal O Wood O Fiberglass O Slider/hinged O No overhead door opener O Single O Double O Insulated O Repair track O Change the access code O Damage noted: O minor O excessive O Repaint Safety test: O passed O failed O No door O Could not test/open/close Comments:
ELECTRICAL  OVisually functional OSuggest attention OSub-panel visible amps ONeeds upgrade OInstall GFCI	ONot fully visible OOpen splices O'GFCI' defective Outlets: Ofunctional Oopen ground Oneed covers O'enclose/cover all loose/exposed wiring OImproper wiring noted OExtension cords over 6' O'GFCI' provided O'enclose/cover all loose/exposed wiring OImproper wiring noted OExtension cords over 6' O'enclose/cover all loose/exposed polarity O2-prong O3-prong O3-prong Oneed covers Oenclose/cover all loose/exposed wiring OImproper wiring noted OExtension cords over 6' O'GFCI' recommended O3-prong O3-prong Oaging
MISCELLANEOUS OSuggest remodeling OMissing ridge board OCall engineer OImproper grade ONot plumb	OPlumbing: Ohose bibs Ohot Ocold Ofunctional Ono plumbing/shut off visible OMoisture stains noted on walls/ceiling OCeiling covered/damaged OWalls damaged Occupants' belongings block view, unable to fully inspect OMarginal OHeaving noted ONeeds repair:  Comments:  NOTE: Determining the rating or presence of firewalls is beyond the scope of this inspection.
LAUNDRY ROOM  O None noted O Visually functional O Suggest attention O Needs remodeling O View blocked O Not inspected O Moisture stains noted O Suggest GFCI O Reversed polarity	Garage GBasement GMain floor GOther:  OPlumbing: Ofunctional Gleaks noted Gorrosion noted Goroshut off noted GLaundry sink: Ofunctional Gleaks noted Giscoloration Greplace Gorone visible GElectrical outlet: Ogrounded Gorone Gorone Gorone Gorone Gelectrical outlet: Ogrounded Gorone

Water supply valves if turned tray be subject to leaking. Washers use 30 gallons of water per load.

Open ground

GET SET HOME INSP	ECTION Address:
SECTION 5	INTERIOR O Unfinished O Aging O Suggest remodeling O Typical damage/wear noted
DOORS O Visually functional O Suggest attention O No dead bolt O No doorbell O Repair hardware O Missing/damaged NOTE: Not all doors and windows are tested; just a representative sample. The gaps around the windows and doors of the average home equal a 9 square foot hole or 15% of your heating bill.	Entry: O No mailbox visible O Exterior lights work O Need repair/cover O N/A O Recommend all locks be changed O Locks: O operational O need repair O Delaminating/water stained O Doorbell: O operational O needs repair Interior: O Solid O Hollow O Pocket O Folding O Louver O O ther: O Need O normal preventative maintenance O Several frames not square O Typical aging O Hardware: O operational O not operational O Doors won't latch O Doors rub/stick Exterior: O Sliding glass O Metal O Wood O Combination O O ther: O Need weatherstripping O Rub/stick O Repair trim O Typical aging O New rollers needed/track needs repair O Locked/jammed O Major damage O Need normal preventative maintenance O Fogging noted O Difficult to operate O Repair screens/glass: O not checked O damaged/missing O Seal/paint/stain Comments:
WINDOWS O Visually functional O Suggest attention O Vinyl coated O Missing hardware NOTE: Window wells, counter weights, hardware, shutters, awnings, etc. are not evaluated.	OMetal OWood OPicture ODual-pane OGreenhouse OGlass block OSliding OLouver OPullout OCrank-out ODouble hung OOther ORepair broken/cracked glass ONon-operative/painted shut OMoisture/leakage noted ONeed normal preventative maintenance ORepair trim ORepair hardware ONeed caulking/glazing compound/painting OPaint on panes ONeed paint/stain ORoom(s) have windows with sills more than 42" above the floor OFogging noted OScreens/storms: Onot checked Ofew/many missing or damaged Oask seller Comments:
INTERIOR WALLS O Visually functional O Suggest attention O Have engineer evaluate O Some areas hidden or inaccessible NOTE: Finishes and window treatments are not evaluated.	ODrywall O Plaster O Brick O Paneling OWallpaper OTile OOther:  OMoisture stains/damage or buckling noted O Loose wallpaper O Loose trim OHoles in walls or visual evidence of patching noted O Need paint/stain O Need trim ONeed normal preventative maintenance O Renail O Not plumb O Tape loose OCracks noted: Otypical damage overall Omajor at: OFurnishings prevent full inspection, do a careful check on your final walkthrough Comments: NOTE: The condition of walls behind wallpaper, paneling and furnishings cannot be judged.
CEILINGS O Visually functional O Suggest attention CEILING FANS O Visually functional O Suggest attention O None noted	OCathedral ODrywall OPlaster ODrop ceiling OTextured OLoose OOther OStains noted at: Omoist Odry Ocannot determine OCracks noted: Otypical Odamage Ooverall Omajor at: ORecommend evaluation by engineer ONeed normal preventative maintenance Comments:  NOTE: Determining whether acoustic sprayed ceilings contain asbestos is beyond the scope of this inspection. For more information please contact the American Lung Association or air asbestos specialist.
FLOORS O Visually functional O Suggest attention O Covered O Finished slab(s) O Install handrail(s)	OCarpet OLinoleum OWood OTile OConcrete OOther: ODamage/discoloration noted OCreaking/bounce noted OTypical damage overall OUneven areas/slope/sag ORugs OTrip hazard OMajor damage visible OFurnishings prevent full inspection, do a careful check on your final walkthrough Comments: NOTE: General condition of floors only is included, determining odors is not included!
FIREPLACES	OLocations #1 #2 OSmoke stains
O Visually functional O Suggest attention O Call contractor NOTE: Fireplaces draw hot air out reducing energy efficiency.	OMortar joints: Ointact Odeteriorated O None visible/inspected ODraft, no test ODamper: Oinoperative Owater streaks O Recommend cleaning OTuck &point OGas: Ooperational Oinoperative Ono test O Cracked/loose fire bricks O Metal firebox Comments:  NOTE: Wood Stoves, flues, firebox areas, draft, inserts or modifications were not inspected.
SMOKE FIRE DETECTORS Number visible:	O Noted, not tested O Test monthly O Responded to test button/smoke O None found O Suggest additional detectors O Did not respond to test button O Replace all batteries on the first day of every year O Couldn't test, no test button

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SECTION 6	KITCHEN & APPLIANCES	O Typical damage/wear noted
KITCHEN (General)  Visually functional Suggest attention  Seller taking appliances  Suggest more light Trip hazards  Major damage to walls/ceilings  Suggest remodeling Install GFCI Aging Unable to fully inspect NOTE: GFCI's trip in 1/40 second after a ground fault of only .005 amp. They should be installed if 6' from water or are accessible from ground level.	Counters: OView blocked O Missing grout/caulking O Tile O Formica O Linoleum O Ot O Minor wear/cracked O Moderate wear/stained Cabinets: O View blocked O Doors ill-fitting O Missing/da O Visually functional O Minor damage O Moderate Window(s): O Broken glass O Missing/damaged screens O Visually functional O Non-operational Flooring: O View blocked O Discoloration/stains noted O Ceramic tile O Vinyl/linoleum O O Carpet/rugs O Visually functional O Concrete/wood O Damaged: O minor O moderate Lighting: O Missing light covers O Need wall switches O C O Visually functional O Non-operational/flickering O Visually functional O Reversed polarity O Inoperative/defective O Open ground O Need upgrade/repair O Loose/improper wiring visible O Unable to inspect O 'GFCI': O operational O defectionments:	OHeavy wear/damage amaged hardware damage OMajor damage Olissing/damaged hardware ONeed repair ON/A Aging ther:  reaking/bounce noted omajor Ouneven/sag heck ballasts for PCB's  O Damaged light panel ore outlets  O 2-prong ungrounded O 3-prong grounded O Repair covers
OVEN/STOVE O Visually functional O Suggest attention O Needs cleaning O Not all burners ignite automatically O Not inspected	O N/A O Aging O Jenn-Aire O Gas O F O Non-operational OClock not working No test (power/gas of O Fan/hood: Ooperational Onon-operational Ofilter missi O Vent system: O self vented O exterior vented O exit unknown C Comments:  NOTE: Self and continuous cleaning operations are not tested during this inspection. T microwaves, clocks, timing devices, lights, thermostat, calibration, or move app	ing/blocked Oclean Orepair Onone noted The inspector does not test
DISHWASHER O Visually functional O Suggest attention O Aging	O Portable (not tested) O Non-operational O Filled with dishes O No test (power/water off)  Comments:  NOTE: Determining full operability of drying cycle is beyond the scope of this inspecti	O N/A O Could not activate
GARBAGE DISPOSAL O Visually functional O Suggest attention	O N/A O Not inspected O Improper wiring O View blocked O Unusual noise O Older unit Comments:	O Non-operational O No test (power off) O Corrosion noted
KITCHEN SINKS O Visually functional O Suggest attention O Improper wiring O Porcelain O Stainless steel O No water	O Moisture damage noted below sink O No shut of Faucet: Operational Oleaking, noted O Aging Osprayer: Operational Orepair On/a O "P" trap O Dishes block access to sink, could not inspect O "S" trap O Recommend sealing sink to counter connection O Plumbing under sink: Operational Oleaking noted Occuments:	OHeavy wear/chipped OSlow draining noted ODiscoloration/stains noted ORestricted view below sink
KITCHEN SPECIAL FEATURES O Visually functional O Suggest attention NOTE: Premises, fixtures, and contents were not inspected by testing or physical means: nor were they inspected to see if they are suitable for any particular use or future condition.	N/A O Special features not inspected Trash compactor: O visually operational Onon-operational Built-in blender: O visually operational Onon-operational Ice-maker line: Onot tested Ounable to determine Oinstalled Water purifier installed but is not a part of this inspected Instant hot water maker installed but is not a part of this Soap dispenser installed but not inspected Comments:  NOTE: Refrigerators, timers, thermostatic controls, freezers, ice makers, incinerators, m dryers are not part of this inspection. Dishwashers use 15 gallons of water per	d on inspection icrowaves, washers and

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SECTION 7	BATHROOMS O Water off O Unfinished/aging O Typical damage/			wear noted
LOCATIONS	#1:	#2:	#3:	
TOILETS OVisually functional OSuggest attention ORusty NOTE: A filled 1 liter bottle in the tank will save about 400 gallons per year per person.	O #1 date: C O Toilet is visually operational O Missing shut off O Does not flush properly at Comments:	#2 date: #1 #2 #3 O O O O O O	O#3 date: OToilet is loose at OCracked porcelain at OMoisture detected at toilet	#1 #2 #3 OOO OOO
SINKS OVisually functional OSuggest attention OCracked/damaged	OPlastic/marble OPorcelain/steel OMissing shut off Comments:	000	OStains/discoloration noted OLoose/needs caulk ONot fully visible	000
FAUCETS OVisually functional OSuggest attention OWork hard	OLeaking noted at OLow water volume noted at ORusty water Comments:		OCorrosion/damage noted at OHandle(s) missing OLoose	
DRAINS OVisually functional OSuggest attention OCorrosion	O Slow draining at O Leaking noted at O Missing drain plugs Comments:		ORestricted view below sink a O"P" type trap ONot fully visible	ıt
DOORS/COUNTERS/ CABINETS OVisually functional OSuggest attention	O Damage/deterioration noted O Need grout/caulking O Typical wear noted Comments:		OMoisture damage below sind ODoors ill fitting OSuggest lock(s)	k
ELECTRICAL OVisually functional OSuggest attention ONeeds repair/upgrade ONeeds more light ONot fully visible OInstall GFCI	O 2-prong ungrounded outlets O'GFCI' protection O Outlet is loose/broken O Light did not operate O Ungrounded/open ground Comments:  NOTE: 'GFCI' protection is for safety in wet areas,	older homes will co	O3-prong grounded outlets O'GFCI' recommended ONo outlet found in bath OReversed polarity OLoose wiring noted	
VENTILATION OVisually functional OSuggest attention OExhaust fan OWindow(s)	OExhaust fan ONo/inadequate ventilation OWindow OMissing hardware Comments:	ode nones win co	OExhaust fan has unusual noise ORecommend exhaust fan OStuck/damaged window OMildew/rot noted	e
HEAT SOURCE	OHeat source adequate		ONo heat source	
TUB O Visually functional O Suggest attention O Broken tile O Repair drain plug O Loose plumbing	O No tub noted O Access panel visible O Leaking noted O Corrosion/damage noted O Slow draining noted Comments:		OMoisture damage, floor/wall OLow water volume noted ODiscoloration noted ONeed grout/caulking ONo shut off noted	1
SHOWER O Visually functional O Suggest attention O Needs curtain/door	O No shower noted O Grout/caulking needed O Loose shower head/leaks Comments:		OCorrosion/moisture damage OLow water volume noted OSlow draining noted	

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SECTION 6	PLUMBING	O water off	O I ypical damage/wear noted
MAIN LINE OVisually functional OSuggest attention NOTE: In winter, shut off and drain exterior lines leave hose bibs slightly open to drain.	OCopper OGalvanized OMunicipal OPriva OWater softener installed, no OTypical damage/wear note Location of point/meter/reader: Comments:	ot part of this inspection	Other: Oused for sprinkling only Enclosed/nearby well View blocked OAging
SUPPLY LINES OVisually functional OSuggest attention OAging/sweating OCall contractor ONot inspected ORusty water/pipes OSolder noted NOTE: Conserve water by installing water saving devices, repairing leaks and washing full loads of clothes or dishes.	O Main supply shut off: O Hose faucets: O not insperior of the corrosion of the corr	oted OLead susper or Omajor OLeaks noted at meter/reader O at store not visible Ocorrosion. Sected Oleaks noted Omin/rust Osome inoperative minor major loss of volulatability, chemical and/or bacterial control or nitrates, bacteria and other contaminant	cted O Unable to fully determine ed O Loose pipes/need support orage tank Ooperational /rust Oinstall Onot tested assing/broken handles Oloose Osuggest replacement ume when using multiple fixtures amination. Client is advised to have
SEWER LINES OVisually functional OSuggest attention ONo vent visible OCall contractor OUse septic tank treatment per label OExterior mounted vent ONot inspected NOTE: Toilets use 5 gallons of water per flush.		OSeptic ONot fully vi ODrywell OOpen waster adequate drainage mproperly/missing maintenance OU and all underground pipes are not a part of thiot predicted. Client is advised to inspect to not rise a garbage disposal or fertilize, an State University Cooperative extension	sible OClean-outs visible: e line ORust/corrosion noted Plumbing vents visible: Jnable to fully view vent pipes Jnable to fully determine  This inspection. Determining future tank sludge levels every two years drive, pave, plow or mound snow office for septic system information.
FUEL SYSTEM OVisually functional OSuggest attention OAging ONot inspected OVisibly leaking OTank/lines rusting OTank/lines leaking OUnderground storage tank(s) noted	O Meter/reader location: O LPG/oil tank location: O Not fully visible O Ask O Lines corrosion proofed wl O Brass/copper/plastic pipe in O No shutoff provided at: O Gas not on at inspection, su Comments: NOTE: Pipe condition is viewed above groun judged and the inspector does not perform test	here visible noted aggest gas company light an und; underground piping cannot be judged	Pipes inside walls cannot be
WATER HEATER OVisually functional OSuggest attention OWiring problems ORemortar chimney OImproper vent rise ONot fully visible ONot inspected OAt or beyond life expectancy (7-12 yrs.) OWeak draft noted OData not visible ONeeds replacement OEnclose 220 line(s) BTU rating:	OGas Ooil OElectric OName: OModel #: Location: Obasement Outilit O Not on Could not inspect O Pressure relief valve noted O Install 3/4" overflow pipe O Thermal blanket: Oinstall O Vent flue: Oadequate	O Indirect-fired Oother: O Capac O Serial y room Oother: ct O Loose ( , not tested O Rusting ( from TPR valve to within led Onot installed Osug ) damaged/disconnected C stalled Omissing/broken  art of this inspection. Solar systems are no tubs are not inspected even to see if they is inspect (for) lead, waste disposal systems, systems, exterior soil lines and/or any wate per load and dishwashers use 15 gallons p	DCorrosion O Leaks noted O Draft hood appears adequate 6" above floor O Aging gested O Reversed connection O loose Orepair Orusting O Corrosion noted O Trepair  of a part of this inspection. Saunas, are currently functional unless springs, drain fields, cesspools, er condition. Showers use 5 gallons per load. Suggest draining tank 3-4

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O Recommend yearly servicing system and checking freon level OAsk seller age of unit

NOTE: The inspector does not perform pressure tests oil coolant system or inspect condensate, freon lines or

compressors; therefore, no representation is made regarding coolant charge or line integrity.

Comments:

OData not visible

expectancy

OAt or beyond life

NOTE: Requires 6,000 volts minimum.

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SECTION 10	<b>HEATING</b> No fuel Head	aches, tired or smell gas? o	call gas company immediately!
Location: O basement	ONot inspected OLeaking oil tanl Oattic Ohall closet Oother:  ter is located in the living area, we recommend evalu		
Type of heating unit: (	Offorced air Ogravity Offoor (aral gas Oelectric Opropane (	Owall Oboiler Oother:	<del>-</del>
Approximate BTU's: inp OTypical wear/damage Model #: Name: Serial #: NOTE: Inspector does not light	ut: output:  noted ONoisy OU  OVisibly leaking OTh OPilot not lit OSu	n/a nable to inspect/start nermostat operational laggest yearly cleaning lirect drive lible. It is suggested that heating systems b	Carbon monoxide Electric ignition malfunction At or beyond life expectancy Have contractor evaluate Fan belt (older unit): e activated and fully depth heat loss analysis.
VENTING OGas odor noted warm chimney or inversion suspected	O Visually functional O Damage/deterioration noted O Furnace vent not on top	O Not fully inspected O Partial or obstructed vi O Improper vent rise	O Vent damper visible O Soot/rust noted O Remortar chimney
COMBUSTION AIR OIncrease ventilation	O Appears adequate O Have contractor evaluate  NOTE: Over 200 Americans die each year from	O Suggest installing carbo	
AIR PLENUM ORusty/dented cabinet	O Appears adequate O Damage/deterioration noted	O Not fully inspected O Asbestos-like material	O N/A noted
AIR FILTERS OElectronic ONot fully inspected	O Disposable O Reusable O Missing/damaged/in accessible NOTE: Electronic air cleaners, humidifiers and d		
BURNERS  Oview obstructed  Caution: A heat exchanger could, theoretically, develop a crack 10 minutes after it is examined/installed.	he inspect for holes in sta	O Electronic inspection O Closed system/not in	nspected OLeaks found exchangers for evidence of smantling the unit. Nor does scope of this inspection.
DUCTS/ AIR SUPPLY/ STEAM PIPES OGravity heat vents noted ONo ducts noted	O Visually functional O Not for Rust/deterioration/corrosion no Damaged/crushed/disconnecte O Registers damaged/missing/sm NOTE: Asbestos in materials have been corn in on toxins can ONLY be performed by laboratory tes asbestos and product safety can be obtained by cal	oted OIn slab OVent tend ducts noted OAsbesto Obe stained ODeterior of this in specific part of the stain of	ction. Advice in handling
NORMAL CONTROLS OInstall SSU switch	O Visually functional O Would not activate O Suggest moving thermostat to a NOTE: Thermostats are not checked for calibrate		Off and on test only Thermostat broken/loose Not fully inspected
GENERAL SUGGESTIONS OAsk age of unit Note: System should be inspected/cleaned each season.	O Suggest cleaning/servicing blow O Heater makes unusual noise du O Leakage noted at boiler/radiato O Unable to locate heat source/co	uring operation. or/pipe fittings	burners, housing, etc.  O Suggest further evaluation O Did not inspect all rooms O Disconnect humidifier
GENERAL NOTES			

**NOTE:** The inspector does not remove covers, control panels or dismantle any equipment, controls or gauges or inspect any heating system accessories, e.g., humidifiers, an purifiers, motorized dampers and/or heat reclaimers or similar devices nor evaluate efficiency or adequacy. Inspection also does not cover heat pumps, solar or electrical heaters, wood stoves or fireplaces unless specifically noted on the contract (see General Notes). Some symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include weakness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, reddening of skin and/or lips and ear lobes turn blue.

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SECTION 11	VISIBLE WOO	D DESTRO	YING INSEC	CT INSP	ECTIO	N	
Inspector:		Agent:				Charge	<u>ب</u> د
Access: O keybox	O door open	O inspecto	r locked all doo			e here at time	e of inspection
O owner home Owner:	O left open	O other: _				Dotos	
Special notes/instructions	<u>.</u>					Date:	
Buildings inspected: O		Oattached	Odetached	O of	ther:		_
Type of visual inspection:			O \$25 billing	charge	O quot	e O other	:
Exterior: O brick O							:
Foundation: O concrete	O block O oper	ı block	brick O rub	oble C	other: _		
Customer sightings:							
Inspection (pre)treatment	history:		0 1 .				
O Drill marks visible			$\sim$		)	Stored pesti	cide containers
O Patch open drill holes Basement: % SI		t/traps visible space:			access no	nels	O Dirt floors
Inaccessible areas: O att		<u> </u>	cathedral ceil		locked a		finished slab(s)
Home: O fini			red material	O clut		ica(s)	imisied stab(s)
Basement: O fini	<u> </u>		red material	O clut		O sills cove	ered/insulated
Garage: O fini			red material	O clut	tered	O not inspe	ected
O fini			red material	O clut	_	_	
	Painted/carpeted porche		O Subfloorii			Other:	
Visible earth/wood conta	•			O garag		$\sum$ shed(s)	Q deck(s)
Outbuildings	O foam insulati	_	ark/chips	O fenci		) porch(s)	O step(s)
O basement window(s)			nisc. wood	O crawl(	(s) (	O edging	O firewood
O retaining walls	O railroad ties ds earth/wood contacts be co	O O		overbana b	uildings bo	trimmed to prov	ent insect ecoss
Inspector's findings:							
Visual evidence of tern	_	_		previously		NOTE: A ma	-
	der post beetles:			previously		60,000 termi	tes will only eat
-	penter ants:		Ţ.	previously		the equivaler 20-inch boar	nt of 2 to 4 feet of
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Customer preferred us to			O quote:			O update	O spot treat
O inside O outside	c O completely treat	O use so	dium borate	O use b	oric acid	O use:	
comments:							
Miscellaneous corrections							
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O remove stored firev			iggest dehumid emove debris o			nove well	cked concrete
O cement open block	touch/overhang buildir		ent/dig out/cove		(		oxes/sole plates
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O faulty grades/Mich			isible moisture		on (	enclosed s	ump pump
O ground water probl			isible construct			nubble fou	
O secondary moisture	e problems suspected	_	racked slab/fou		(	) block wall	S
O heat ducts in slab(s)		<b>T</b> -	lenum air space	2	(	sill plates	
wood floors over sla	` '		oo cold		(	soil frozen	/wet
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components or areas which were wood destroying insects, concer							
subsequent repairs, damages or tro	eatment(s). Please confer with	seller as to any kn	own history of inspe	ection(s), in	festation(s),	(pre)treatment(s)	),
damage(s). and/or repair(s). Before owner's expense and a chemical					other probl	ems should be c	orrected at

### **Debugging Our Schools**

Current public health and environmental issues focus on the effects of indoor pollutants such as lead, radon, chemical emissions from new carpeting, cigarette smoke, asbestos, and especially pesticides (poisons) on human health. Concern for children's safety is at an all-time high. Environmental pollution and child safety concerns motivate parents to hold school administrators accountable for all uses of pesticides (poisons) in schools and for the overall, in-school safety of their children.

Parents' expectations relative to pests and pesticides (poisons) drive the efforts of elected officials, school administrators, and the pest control industry to institute IPM in schools. They expect school administrators to make responsible IPM decisions-those that include pesticide use, as well as those that don't.

The following information is from a Purdue survey of parents of children attending an Indiana elementary school. The school selected was typical of many of Indiana's 1905 public schools in enrollment and building age. The elementary school administration provided names and addresses of 390 families, and each was mailed a survey questionnaire, cover letter, and return envelope.

**Pests.** Parents overwhelmingly agreed that maintaining a pest free school was important. More than half of the parents perceived that the elementary school had pest problems, although most believed the problems were slight. Forty-one percent of the parents reported that their children complained about roaches and wasps found in classrooms and lunchrooms and on playgrounds.

**Pesticides.** Parents were concerned about health risks associated with the use of pesticides (poisons) in their children's school. Nearly forty percent believed their children were exposed to pesticides (poisons) while on school property, although the level of student exposure was considered low.

The use of pesticides (poisons) indoors was of greater concern than outdoor use, and parents were more concerned about exposure by inhalation than by skin contact. The acceptance of pesticide use in the school was pest specific: the more serious they perceived the pest the more receptive they were to chemical use. The parents agreed that pesticides (poisons) should be used only as a last resort and that, when pesticides (poisons) are used, only certified pest control operators should apply them.

**Pest Control.** Parents believed that (any) pest sightings should (all) be documented, and they expected records to be kept of all pesticide (poison) applications made at the school. Parents thought school administrators should notify them of impending applications and oversee the posting of pesticide (poison) warning signs following applications-both indoors and out. Parents expected information, documentation, and communication on all pesticide (poison) decisions made by school officials, and they insisted that the school's pest management policies be available to the public.

Those implementing pest management programs in Indiana public schools must remember that success will hinge on fulfilling the expectation of parents that a pest-free environment be provided for their children. The results of this study were quite clear: Regardless of the sociodemographic considerations - gender, age, education, income - parents expect a pest-free environment and reduced pesticide (poison) use in schools.

Source: Debugging Our Schools: Can We Meet Parental Expectations? Tim Gibb, IPM in schools research at Purdue University.

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The federal EPA has a 155-page guideline booklet entitled "Inregrated Pest Management in Schools, A How-to Manual" as well as a smaller booklet entitled, "Pest Control in the School Environment: Adopting Integrated Pest Management." See http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ipm and http://www.epa.gov/schools.

Charles B. Mayo once said, "That which can be foreseen can be prevented." The Author would add, "only if the 'regulators' will allow you to do so."

"The only thing that does not forget is a properly filled out report, carefully filed away."- S.L.T.

### Proof Positive Why Pesticide POISONS Should Never Be Used in Schools

# Girl's Illness Traced to 'Toxic' School - Some Doctors Alarmed by Hidden Chemicals at Schools - Oct. 11, 2005

Kellianne King was a healthy, vibrant little girl until she started preschool. That's when she started to suffer from headaches, sinus infections, chest pains and seizures, says her mother, Kathy King. It was a heart-wrenching time for the family. "She would stand on her bed and she would just scream, 'You have to — you have to help me. Someone has to help me.' And we couldn't do anything," King said. And Kellianne, now 13, couldn't enjoy many of the pleasures of being a kid. "I feel like I didn't get to do much," she said. "I mean, I can ride a bike and read a book now but when I was little, I never got to do that. I learned how to do those things much later. So it was hard." No one, it seemed, could figure out what was making the little girl so sick. "We took her to all the best doctors and they were just perplexed by her," King said. "They really just couldn't pinpoint what was wrong,"

### **Mystery Illness Revealed**

When Kellianne was in the first grade, her parents learned the painful truth: There were serious air quality problems in her school that had sickened dozens of students and teachers. "I was shocked that the only place, the only place I trusted to leave her was what was making her sick," said King. Dr. Phillip Landigan chairs the Department of Community and Preventative Medicine at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York. He is one of many doctors alarmed by hidden toxins in schools. "Today, too many chemicals are put into schools that have never been tested for the possible impacts they have on young children," Landigan said.

Simple leaks can breed deadly mold behind walls and trigger an asthma attack; pesticides used to kill insects and weeds can damage a child's developing nervous system, lowering IQ and affecting attention span.

"Children live down on the floor," Landigan said. "They crawl on the rug. They're constantly putting their little fingers in their mouths. And all of those actions increase the child's exposure."

### **Alarming School Experiment**

Just how quickly kids get exposed to toxins in school became clear when "Good Morning America" conducted an experiment in a classroom at P.S. 8 in New York.

First, we applied Glo-Germ, a non-toxic powder only visible under ultra-violet light, in areas where pesticides are most likely to be sprayed or to settle, like baseboards, windowsills and desktops. Then we invited the kids to play. After only 20 minutes, we showed them the stunning results. Using UV light, we found traces of Glo-Germ all over their clothes, hands and faces. "It was actually scary to see how germs can spread, toxins can spread all over the place," said teacher Olivia Ellis.

Kids spend nearly 90 percent of their time indoors. Yet there are no specific federal requirements limiting the use of toxins, such as pesticides, in schools, which is why it often takes teamwork to get a school to clean up its act and its air.

Patricia Berkey is the principal of Hastings Elementary School in Massachusetts, where Kellianne attended school and was exposed to toxins. "I think families need to feel comfortable when they send their children off to school that they're sending their children to a safe and healthy environment," Berkey said. That school took action and, nine years later, Hastings is an award-winning example of a healthy environment school. A health and safety team, composed of Berkey, a parent, teacher, school nurse and maintenance technician, regularly inspects the entire school looking for leaks, dirty ventilation filters and making certain that only non-toxic cleaners are being used in the classrooms.

"It's a really good feeling to know that if you take a little time out locally in your schools that the impact can be really far-reaching," said King. How far-reaching? Thanks to King and other parents' efforts, every school in her district has similar toxin-fighting teams, protecting the health of some 3,500 students — including Kellianne. "I feel very proud to have a mom that would do that for her kid instead of just giving up and saying, 'Oh well, I can live with them being like this forever," Kellianne said. "Just fighting. Also, not just for me but for other kids."

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Life has an "if" in it. If something is broken, fix it. If you do not know how, learn. If you are not willing to learn, do not complain about it. If it truly cannot be fixed, then accept it and move on.

"If people let the government decide what foods they eat and what medicines they take, their bodies will soon be in as sorry a state as the souls that live under tyranny. — Thomas Jefferson

Did you know that for every letter the government receives it equates it to equal 1000 voices?

"It is an ill plan that cannot be changed." — Latin Proverb

"A good plan is like a road map; it shows the final destination and usually the best way to get there." — H. Stanley Judd

"He who fails to plan, plans to fail." — Italian Proverb

All truth passes through 3 stages:

1st: It is ridiculed.

2nd: It is violently opposed.

3rd: It is accepted as self-evident. — Arthur Schopenhaur