



SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR OLDER HOMES



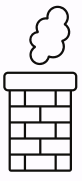
Aging or Faulty Electrical System

Wiring in older homes may be out of date. If breakers are tripping, lights are buzzing/dimming, or you see frayed or exposed wire, call an electrician to assess your system.



Hazardous Chemicals

Lead paint and asbestos are found in many homes built prior to 1978. Check these links before doing any scraping, painting, or removal. [Lead](#) and [Asbestos](#)



Carbon Monoxide

Make sure all heating appliances and fireplaces are properly vented.



Underground Storage Tanks

Many older homes have underground oil storage tanks. These tanks age and may leak. Check the your home's property file to learn if a tank was installed or removed.



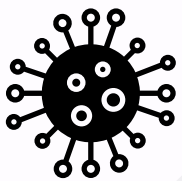
Aging Infrastructure

While older homes have "good bones" items such as roofs, windows, siding, furnaces, and water heaters have a life expectancy and may need replacement. Check the property file to find out when items were last replaced.



Smoke Alarms Deficiencies

Older homes are more likely to have missing or out of date smoke alarms. Smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years. Check this [link](#) to learn where to install smoke alarms.



Mold & Mildew

Previous leaks and older basements/foundations can lead to issues with mold and mildew. Check this [link](#) for more information.



Bottomline

Older homes can have great bones and lots of charm but may also require additional investment to protect your investment and keep your family safe. Check the property file for your home to learn of any work previously done and to see what work may need to be done in the future.

