T.I.S.H. (Truth-in-Sale of Housing) and Inflow/Infiltration Inspections



Minnesota homeowners in 13 metro cities will need to get a professional seller inspection before they sell their home. Each city that requires a TISH inspection has their own terms and costs. Be sure to follow them to the letter.

What is a "Truth-in-Sale of Housing" Inspection?

In certain cities in the Twin Cities metro, a seller inspection is required before the home can be sold. This inspection is often called the "Truth-in-Sale of Housing" (TISH) report, or a "truth in housing" report.

Unlike a buyer's inspection, which can hone in on quirks or inconsistencies, the TISH report is focused on risks to life or health that can be found within the home. The report is usually made up of a checklist of recommended or required fixes.

Once sellers receive their TISH report, they must complete the required fixes before closing. In some cases, if they aren't able to complete the checklist of necessary repairs, the seller may negotiate with the buyer, who can perform the repairs post-close. Buyers will be well aware of what the TISH report outlines, as sellers are typically required to include the report within the disclosures they provide potential buyers.

What cities in Minnesota require a TISH inspection?

While the exact name of the inspection may vary from one city to the next, these Minnesota cities require sellers to get a TISH inspection (or similar report) from a licensed evaluator:

- City of Bloomington Time-of-Sale Housing inspection
- City of Columbia Heights Time-of Sale Inspection
- <u>City of Maplewood Truth-in-Sale of Housing report</u>
- City of Minneapolis Truth-in-Sale of Housing evaluation
- <u>City of New Hope Point of Sale inspection</u>
- City of Richfield Point of Sale Housing inspection
- City of St. Louis Park Property Maintenance inspection
- <u>City of St. Paul Truth in Sale of Housing disclosure report</u>
- City of South St. Paul Time-of-Sale Housing inspection

Additionally, several cities don't require a traditional TISH inspection, but they do require sellers to order an inflow/infiltration inspection to check for excess flow of clear water into the city's sewer system:

- City of Golden Valley inflow and infiltration inspection
- West St. Paul inflow and infiltration inspection
- City of Orono inflow and infiltration inspection
- Tonka Bay inflow and infiltration inspection
- St. Anthony Villiage inflow and infiltration inspection
- City of Mounds View H2OPP Program