

PEST INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Getting a pest inspection will help uncover costly defects that could save you thousands in repairs and renovations.

Here's what you can look out for when doing a pre-purchase pest inspection:

- Are there any damages and debris caused by insects?
- Are the doors and other openings fitted tightly?
- Are there any gaps around the doors and windows?
- Are there any water sources near the property?
- Is waste disposed off properly?
- Are there any vegetation or mulch near or against the property?
- Are there any cracks or holes in or around the walls, windows and doors?
- Do all food containers have lids?
- Is food waste disposed off properly?
- Are there any moisture leaks or condensation around plumbing, windows, air conditioning, etc?
- Are the garbage containers clean and covered?

To check for signs of rodent infestation

- Are there any rodent droppings on the floor or surfaces where food is stored?
- Are the greasy rub marks on vertical surfaces?

- Are the walls, cupboards, ceilings squeaking or gnawing?
- Are there nests made from rags, paper, straw or other materials?
- Is there any gnawing damage to wood, soft metals, cables, etc.

To check for cockroach infestation

- Are there any dead cockroach bodies?
- Is there any funky smell?
- Are there any small spindle-shaped droppings?

Top tip

Be sure to always use a qualified inspector and get the pest inspection report before you make a bid, or are in the process of buying or selling a property.