



Rental Inspection Information



Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance

Improving and preserving safe and healthy
housing for all Canton renters

Renting in Canton Rights, Responsibilities, Resources

Renters have the right to:

- Live in safe and well maintained housing
- Be free from discrimination or retaliation
- Receive proper notice before giving access to the rental
- Be free from unlawful evictions
- Receive written notice of changes to the rental agreement

Renters have the responsibility to:

- Pay the rent
- Not damage the property
- Follow the terms of the rental agreement
- Grant reasonable access to the property owner and manager

Find out more about your Rights and
Responsibilities as a Renter at:

www.canton-mi.org/190

Contact Us:



Website
www.canton-mi.org



Phone
734-394-5200



MAIL or IN-PERSON
1150 Canton Center Road S.
Canton, MI 48188

WHY DOES MY HOME NEED AN INSPECTION?

Maintaining the availability and quality of rental housing helps make Canton a great place to live. The Rental Inspection Program helps ensure rental housing in Canton is safe and meets basic maintenance standards. The program was established to protect renters from living in poorly maintained properties.

To make sure that your home is being safely maintained, an inspection may be needed. It is the property owner or manager's responsibility to get the inspection done.



WHO WILL DO THE INSPECTION?

Inspections will be done by a certified Rental Inspector from Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division.



WHAT DOES AN INSPECTION LOOK LIKE?

A Rental Inspection is a careful look at the basic housing requirements. The Inspector will look for things like:

- No holes or visible leaks in the roof or walls.
- Plumbing fixtures such as sinks and toilets that are working properly
- Windows and doors that work properly and are secure.
- A permanently installed, working heating system.

An inspection is **NOT** a look at your possessions, how you live, or what you do in your living space.

For more information on the program or to view a complete inspection checklist visit:

www.canton-mi.org/190



A Rental Inspector WILL:

- Look at all rooms in the property
- Look at exterior areas
- May look under sinks or behind furniture



A Rental Inspector will NOT:

- Go through your personal items
- Look in dressers or other furnishings
- Ask you about immigration status or illegal activities

HOW WILL THE INSPECTION WORK?

1 NOTICE

You must receive at least two days advance notice of the inspection from the property owner or manager.

You should work out a plan with the property owner or manager for entry into your unit. Under State law, you cannot unreasonably deny access for an inspection.

2 PREPARE

Let your property owner or manager know in advance about anything that needs to be fixed.

Make sure the inspector can get to all areas of your unit. Put away any personal items you don't want seen.

3 ACCESS

On the day of the inspection, make sure the inspector can access your unit.

It is your choice whether you are present for the inspection or not.

4 FOLLOW UP

The property owner and manager will be notified of the inspection results. To see if your landlord is in compliance, call 734/394-5200.

If there was a problem with the inspection, or a maintenance or safety issue that was missed, you can report it to the property owner or manager or you can call Canton's Building Division at 734-394-5200.

