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Don't Skip the Sewer Scope!



A sewer scope is a vitally important aspect to your home inspection, using a specialized camera to examine the underground sewer line from the home to the city main. It can reveal hidden issues and help the home buyer avoid unexpected repair costs ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 plus! Below are four reasons to not skip out on the sewer scope:

- 1.) **Identify Hidden Damages:** The camera detects cracks, misaligned pipes, and blockages (such as tree root intrusions) that a standard home inspection will not.
- 2.) **Avoid Extreme Repair Costs:** Sewer line repairs can be incredibly expensive and are not covered by standard homeowners' insurance.
- 3.) **Negotiate Repairs or Price:** If issues are found, you can ask the seller to pay for repairs or reduce the purchase price before closing.
- 4.) **Essential for Older Homes:** Homes over 20 years old, or those with large trees nearby, are highly prone to issues like root intrusion or deteriorating clay/cast-iron pipes.

Having a sewer scope performed on your potential home is a win-win situation. If you find an issue, you can get it resolved prior to moving in and negotiate the cost of the repair. If no issues are identified, you have piece of mind knowing your sewer line is in tip top shape!

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