



How To Do a Safe DIY Duct Inspection

HOW TO KNOW IF YOU NEED AN INSPECTION

ALL GREEN? Save your money and skip duct cleaning for now

TWO OR MORE YELLOW SIGNS? Book a quick, free visual check

ANY RED SIGNS? Call us for a professional inspection

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WHERE TO CHECK ON THE FLOOR-LEVEL

- Start with the biggest vent grille (often in a hallway or main room)
- Then check two room vents in different rooms
- Shine a flashlight just inside and look for obvious buildup, clumps, damp staining, or debris

TOOLS NEEDED

- Flashlight
- A printout of this guide
- Phone camera for photos

TIME REQUIRED

- Roughly 10 minutes

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- ONLY** inspect what you can safely see from the floor
- AVOID** ladders, attics, crawl spaces, and don't open any equipment panels
- DON'T TOUCH** wiring or disturb anything that looks like growth, moisture, or pest debris
- IF YOU SMELL** gas, see smoke, or notice an electrical burning smell, stop and call the appropriate professional

This checklist cannot diagnose mold, air quality, or mechanical issues. If you're unsure, call us for a professional visual check.

LOOKS NORMAL

- Light dust on vent covers only
- A little dust inside one vent, not multiple vents
- Dust that makes sense after normal living, pets, or a recent remodel
- Filter looks normal for its age and was changed on schedule
- No unusual odor when the system turns on

WORTH CHECKING

- Dust returns quickly after you clean surfaces
- Several vents show visible buildup just inside the opening
- One room is consistently dustier than the rest
- A stale or musty odor appears only when the system runs
- Airflow feels weaker in one or two rooms (not the whole house)
- Filter seems to load up faster than it used to

CALL A PROFESSIONAL

- Clumps of debris or thick buildup visible inside multiple vents
- Signs of moisture near vents (rust, staining, dampness)
- Suspected growth that looks fuzzy or patchy inside vents
- Pest debris, nesting material, or droppings near duct openings
- Debris blows out of vents when the system starts
- Major airflow reduction across several rooms, not just one

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