

13 SPOOKY THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR IN OLD HOMES

Older homes can be high on charm and built to last - but they may also be hiding unexpected secrets. Here are some things to watch out for when you're on the hunt for an old charmer.

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INFESTATIONS INCLUDING BATS RODENTS TERMITES & OTHER INSECTS

LEAD PAINT AND PIPES COMMON IN HOUSES BUILT BEFORE 1980 LEAD IS A NEUROTOXIN THAT CAN CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS

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IF THIS INSULATOR BECOMES AIRBORNE IT'S HAZARDOUS TO YOUR LUNGS; ALSO A FIRE HAZARD

OLD WIRING

AGED ELECTRICAL BOXES, OUTLETS AND WIRING CAN'T SUPPORT TODAY'S DEMANDS



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WARNING SIGNS ARE PEELING PAINT MOISTURE AND MUSTY ODORS



INSULATION:
INADEQUATE INSULATION, DRIVES UP HEATING AND COOLING COSTS

ENERGY-INEFFICIENCY

INEFFICIENT WINDOWS, HEATING/ COOLING SYSTEMS AND APPLIANCES CAN DRIVE UP UTILITY BILLS, OR IN THE CASE OF AN OLD HEATER, RELEASE CARBON MONOXIDE



OLD GALVANIZED PIPES

CAN CORRODE AND RUST ON THE INSIDE OVER TIME

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THIS RADIOACTIVE BEDROCK GAS CAN ENTER OLDER HOMES THROUGH CRACKS IN THE FOUNDATION

PREVIOUS HOME IMPROVEMENTS

OUT-OF-CODE UPDATES CAN BE POORLY DESIGNED INEFFICIENT OR INCOMPLETE

CAST-IRON PIPES

CAN CAUSE MINERAL BUILD-UP CORROSION OR LEAKS



GHOSTS

LOOK FOR DISEMBODED SPIRITS STRANGE SMELLS UNEXPLAINED SOUNDS AND MOVING OBJECTS



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