HOW TO

PREPARE FOR A HOME INSPECTION

- If home is empty, leave utilities on and pilot lights lit.
- Make sure electrical sockets, light fixtures, switches and fans work.
- Confirm smoke and carbon monoxide detectors operate.
- Check that faucets and toilets run properly and don't leak.
- Clean stove and oven so they won't smoke and set off alarm when tested.

- Verify doors and windows open and close and all hardware works.
- Clear obstructions around furnace, water heaters and attic access.
- Leave keys for outbuildings and exterior electrical boxes.
- Remove brush and debris from exterior inspection points.
- Gather documentation for renovations or repairs that have been made.
- Provide sketch showing location of septic tank and well.
- Remove or crate pets.
- Plan to be away for three hours minimum.
- Consider having home pre-inspected so you can fix problems before the official inspection.

Sources: Pillar to Post, GreatColoradoHomes.com, thebalance.com