Sink & Faucet Inspection

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It is straight forward of sink & faucet inspections in the kitchen, bath & laundry. There is no mystery to expose the defects once you check them carefully & patiently. But these inspections are time consuming & easily neglected also complained by clients or sellers. Although these are not major defects to building, they can cause the inconvenience later days. During our inspection we try to find issues as much as possible and help parties evaluate accordingly as well as have them repaired in time.



Speaking of the timing, first we have to drain lots of water to test leaking. This is why home owners & agents question our inspectors for disagreement of the leaking we point out. In fact, many leaks won't happen unless the water is running for a while. Everyday life if only wash hands or rinse a cup, there is no leaking sign. Unfortunately, many sinks cannot pass this test. This leak is normally at the connector of drain pipe or the sink drain opening. It is unusual to see the crack on sink but chipped even rusted spots are common. All these conditions are often overlooked by client before moving in but will disappoint them afterwards. Therefore, they are trivia. We try to remind clients as detail as possible. This is why the inspection & report cost time.

We test water pressure and cold hot water direction on faucet. The hot water should come from left side taps or when opening the faucet to left. Although many clients do not really care, we suggest fix if there is a reversed connection. It is believed you will be not used to it later. It also undermines to scald the kid. In addition, the faucet should be secured. The knob or handle dripping water when open the tap is common, which the seal should be replaced. Also, the stopper mechanism fails are always seen. These are minor repair but clients should get to know before subject removal.

In a word, the above inspection is not complex but trivial. It is also important that home owners maintain them regularly to keep the property in good shape.