



Are You Having a Bad Air Day?

Indoor Air Quality can be a tough topic to “sell” when the sun is shining, the windows are wide open and summer has at long last arrived. However, here are some good reasons why you shouldn’t just ignore this subject:

- As Canadians we spend **90%** of our time inside!
- Asthma in our children quadrupled between 1978 and 1996. (Source: Health Canada, 1999).

Now if you have a client with a child who suffers from asthma, Indoor Air Quality is going to be a very real concern for them. When searching for a new home, you will be able to help them in not only finding the “right” home for them, but in finding a “healthy” home for their family.

This is where BCS Home Inspection Services comes in. We are able to offer two different services to your clients:

- An Indoor Air Quality “snapshot” 3 hour test that can be done in conjunction with their home inspection. This can give them a quick overview of the air quality in the home.
- A comprehensive 3 day (72 hour) test. This option goes into more detail as it is possible to track the indoor air quality in three different locations of the home for a period of 24 hours in each location.

The Canary Air Quality Assurance system we use is able to analyze six key air quality factors recognized as critical by the Canadian Healthy Indoors Partnership (HIP):

- Temperature
- Humidity
- Carbon dioxide
- Carbon monoxide
- Particulates; and
- Volatile Organic Compounds.

The Canary System complies with guidelines set by CMHC (Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation), Health Canada’s Guidelines for Residential Indoor Air Quality, and ASHRAE (The American Society of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers).

Note that improper temperatures and humidity levels can lead to the development of mold in the home.

Wood Energy Technology Transfer (WETT) Certified

Just a reminder that BCS Home Inspection Service is WETT certified to do “Basic Inspection” on wood burning appliances as part of a home inspection, or as a stand-alone request. This is of interest to clients who are purchasing homes with fireplace inserts or wood stoves as there are frequently insurance implications. A detailed written report will be provided to the client.

BCS Home Inspection Services
We have your clients’ needs covered!
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