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## **CELEBRATE SPRING WITH A HOME INSPECTION**

*ASHI Reminds Homeowners That April is National Home Inspection Month*

More than 7 million people will buy a new or existing home this year. While the majority of homeowners are on the right track with obtaining a home inspection for buying, selling and maintenance purposes, the difference in quality, and therefore, the protection of a homeowners' financial interests, can best be realized when the inspection is performed by an experienced, professional home inspector. This April, National Home Inspection Month, the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) reminds consumers about the importance of having their home professionally inspected.

"April is the perfect time for a home inspection," said ASHI **Jim Hemsell – Owner / Inspector**. The busy buying and selling season is not yet in full swing, and it is just after the winter months when weather can be especially tough on a home."

Spring is also a time when homeowners begin annual cleaning rituals and start preparing for summer activities or even a home purchase or sale. Whatever the reason, consumers in the market for a home inspection need to remember that the person chosen to do the inspection is just as important as the inspection itself. "Working with an ASHI Inspector is a homeowner's best assurance of a home inspector's proven qualifications and professionalism," said **Jim Hemsell**.

**Jim Hemsell** urges customers to hire an ASHI Inspector so they can be sure that the inspection includes the following major areas outlined in the ASHI Standards of Practice:

- Structure-- including basements and crawl spaces
- Exterior Surfaces-- including siding, decks and grading of soil
- Roof Coverings

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- Plumbing Systems
- Electrical Systems
- Heating and Air Conditioning Systems
- Interior Surfaces and Components
- Insulation and Ventilation
- Fireplaces and Chimneys

Customers can learn more about these areas by taking an audio-guided Virtual Home Inspection at [www.ASHI.org](http://www.ASHI.org). This online tool simulates an interactive tour of a home's 10 major systems, in accordance with ASHI's Standards of Practice, providing an overview of each area, along with photos depicting common problems and defects. Although not meant to replace an inspection of their home, the tour provides great information for first time homebuyers, sellers or people interested in learning more about a house and what to expect from a professional home inspection.

**About the American Society of Home Inspectors**

In its 31<sup>st</sup> year and with approximately 6,000 members, ASHI is the oldest and most widely recognized non-profit, professional organization of home inspectors in North America. Its Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics are the industry standard. ASHI's mission is to meet the needs of its membership and promote excellence and exemplary practice within the profession.

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