

# Chimney Cleaning Checklist



## Inspect the Damper

The damper is the device that seals the air gap between the firebox and the chimney. It should be inspected for signs of damage or wear, such as rust, corrosion, missing parts, or broken pieces.



## Check for Obstructions

Obstructions in the chimney can prevent the proper flow of air and cause dangerous build-up of fumes and smoke. The chimney sweep should check for animals, debris, or any other blockages that could be restricting the flow of air.



## Clean the Firebox

The firebox should be swept clean of ash, soot, and debris. This helps ensure that fires will burn properly and reduce the chances of smoke or fumes entering the home.



## Vacuum the Chimney

The sweep should use a vacuum to remove all the debris and soot from the chimney. This will help ensure that the chimney is free of any blockages that could cause a buildup of smoke or fumes.



## Clean the Flue

The chimney sweep should use brushes and rods to clean the flue. This will help ensure that the flue is free of any buildup that could restrict air flow.



## Inspect the Cap

The cap of the chimney should be inspected for signs of damage or wear. The cap should be in working order to prevent animals or debris from entering the chimney.



## Closely Examine the Masonry

The sweep should closely examine the masonry for cracking, crumbling, or other signs of damage. The masonry should be in good condition to ensure the chimney is structurally sound.