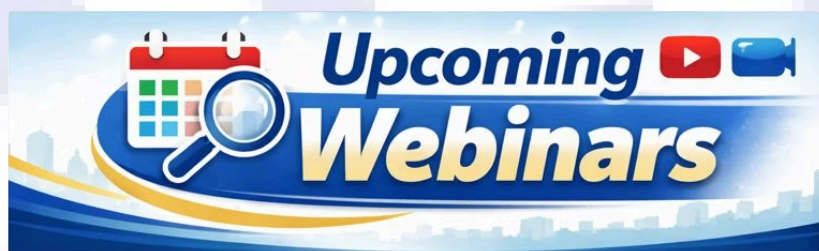




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Upcoming Webinar: Boilers
August 4th 2026 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

By the end of this webinar, home inspectors should be able to:

- Identify the major types of residential boiler systems and their components
- Describe a basic inspection sequence for hydronic/steam systems
- Recognize common defects and safety concerns
- Report findings with clear observations, implications, and recommendations

INDUSTRY HEADLINES

Existing-Home Sales Rise 3.2% in May, Creating More Inspection Opportunities

NAR reported May existing-home sales rose 3.2%, with inventory also up to 4.5 months' supply. [NAR](#)

Inspector Story of the Month

During a recent inspection, I came across an exterior hose bib that extended unusually far from the siding. This condition should be checked closely, as the added projection can make the fixture more vulnerable to damage, movement, leakage, and possible freezing concerns if it is not properly secured or sealed at the wall. Conditions like this are a good reminder that even small exterior plumbing details can lead to moisture intrusion or repair concerns if overlooked. Jim



Takeaway for Inspectors

- You may not come across this issue very often, but as home inspectors we expect the unexpected.

As home inspectors, we don't just check boxes — we protect people, one observation at a time.

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Connecticut

Connecticut: Real estate wholesalers must register with the CT Department of Consumer Protection starting July 1, 2026, and must disclose their wholesaler status to sellers. This is worth noting because it adds more transparency to distressed, investor, and assignment-style transactions. [CT DCP](#)

Massachusetts: Governor Healey ordered a review of building-code rules around single-stair multifamily buildings above three stories. The goal is to support more housing production while still reviewing fire and life-safety concerns. [Mass.gov](#)



Five recalls you want to know about.

1. **Amana air conditioners and heat pumps**
Daikin recalled certain Amana window-room and through-wall air conditioners/heat pumps because the heating element can remain energized during a ground fault, creating a fire or burn hazard. [CPSC recall](#)
2. **Vornado SRTH small room tower heaters**
Vornado recalled about 255,000 small room tower heaters because the fan blade can detach, causing overheating, melting, and possible fire. [CPSC recall](#)
3. **IBC CX Series combi boilers**
IBC recalled certain CX-150 and CX-199 combi boilers because domestic hot water can exceed the set temperature, creating a burn/scald hazard. [CPSC recall](#)
4. **VST gas-fired tankless water heaters**
VESTA.DS recalled certain VST tankless water heaters because the exhaust duct can crack and allow combustion gases to leak into the home, creating a carbon monoxide hazard. [CPSC recall](#)
5. **Triangle Tube Prestige and Aerco Esteem gas boilers**
These condensing gas boilers were recalled due to a carbon monoxide hazard, with two deaths reported. This one is especially important because CPSC notes Triangle Tube is no longer in business and the remedy is no longer available for consumers who had not already registered. [CPSC recall](#)

Inspector takeaway: Home inspectors are not required to determine recall status, but when a recalled brand or model may be present, it is good practice to document the data plate, recommend the client verify the model and serial number with the manufacturer or CPSC, and recommend evaluation/repair by a qualified HVAC or plumbing contractor.

Law Webinars

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HOME INSPECTION NARRATIVE: Extended Hose Bib

Observation: I noted an exterior hose bib that extends unusually far out from the exterior wall/siding.

Implication: This condition may make the hose bib more vulnerable to damage, movement, leakage, or freezing concerns. If the wall penetration is not properly sealed, water or pests may also be able to enter the wall assembly.

Recommendation: I recommend having a qualified plumber evaluate the hose bib, properly secure/support it as needed, and seal the wall penetration to help prevent water intrusion.

Limitation of Inspection: The hose bib was visually inspected only. The concealed piping, wall penetration, insulation, and any components inside the wall were not visible or fully evaluated. No determination can be made regarding hidden leakage, freeze damage, or concealed water intrusion.

FROM THE DESK OF STAN BAJERSKI

Fewer Inspectors

As we look at the state of the home inspection industry, it is clear that we are no longer operating in the same market we saw during the post-2020 housing boom. The number of active inspectors appears to be down from those highs, and many inspectors across the country are feeling the effects of fewer transactions, higher interest rates, affordability concerns, and a more cautious buyer pool. That said, this is also a time when professionalism matters more than ever. The inspectors who continue to invest in education, improve their reporting, communicate clearly, and provide real value to clients and agents will be the ones best positioned as the market stabilizes and inspection demand strengthens again.

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