

HOUSE-SETTLING NOISE CHECKLIST

CREAKING FLOORS AND STAIRS

- Check the attic and basement for signs of pests
- Inspect support beams and joints for damage

POPPING OR CRACKING NOISES

- Check for any changes around or in your home's foundation if noises are recent
- Check for cracks in walls and ceilings if noise persists
- Schedule a professional inspection if noises are frequent

WHISTLING NOISES NEAR WINDOWS AND DOORS

- Inspect windows and doors for gaps
- Seal gaps with weatherstripping, if any

RATTLING OR VIBRATING IN DUCTWORK

- Inspect visible ductwork for loose components
- Secure loose sections
- Remove debris, if any

SCREECHING DRYER VENT

- Turn off and unplug the dryer
- Examine the dryer belt for damage
- Replace any damaged parts

CRACKING SOUNDS IN THE FIREPLACE

- Check if crack sounds persist after use
- Contact a professional contractor to inspect structural integrity

HISSING OR RUNNING WATER SOUNDS

- Check the water meter for unusual water usage
- Inspect visible pipes for leaks

LOUD BANGING OR CLANKING NOISES

- Turn off the HVAC system or water supply

GURGLING OR CRACKING NOISES

- Inspect exposed pipes for damage
- Check for clogs or blockages in sinks, toilets, and drains

HIGH-PITCHED RINGING OR BUZZING

- Turn off circuit breaker
- Contact an electrician if ringing persists

GURGLING NOISES IN DRAINS

- Check for clogs in drains
- Ensure proper water flow
- Contact a plumber if gurgling noises persist

SCRATCHING, RUSTLING, OR THUMPING IN THE WALLS OR ATTIC

- Listen to identify the noise's location
- Inspect the location for signs of pests or animals
- Consult pest control if there is an infestation

SQUEAKING DOORS OR HINGES

- Lubricate door hinges