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OUR INSPECTIONS GO BEYOND THE REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE THINGS  
**OUR COMPETITION SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDES** FROM THEIR INSPECTION PROCESS.

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- Kitchen Appliances
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**\$100,000 in Warranty Coverage FREE with Every Inspection from Residential Warranty Services -**  
*a licensed Home Warranty Company*

- Structural + Mechanical Coverage
- Underground Sewer + Water Lines
- Visible Mold
- Roof Leak Repair Coverage

*Each coverage lasts from 90 days up to 5 years and all plans are renewable for a nominal fee from  RESIDENTIAL WARRANTY SERVICES, INC.*



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# THE ADVANCED INSPECTION STANDARDS

## THE CERTIFIED INSPECTION EXPERT ADVANCED INSPECTION SOP SUPPLEMENT

This supplemental Standards of Practice is designed to be utilized in conjunction with the applicable Referenced Standard as defined in the Inspection Agreement. Unless explicitly noted within this standard, all limitations of the Referenced Standard shall apply.

### I. Purpose

The Purpose of the Certified Inspection Expert Advanced Inspection SOP (Standards of Practice) Supplement ("Advanced Standard(s)") is to establish a higher minimum standard for performing a residential home inspection and ensure the best possible outcome for property owners and home buyers alike while delivering the very best value available. A Certified Inspection Expert ("CIE") who adheres to these Advanced Standards has committed to delivering on an inspection with a higher level of detail than any and all other standards in the marketplace.

### II. Additional Required Items to be Inspected beyond the Referenced Standard

- a. All accessible outlets, free of obstructions and within reach, shall be checked with a standard outlet testing device.
  - i. Testing shall include any GFCI outlets meeting the same criteria.
- b. All accessible doors and windows, free of obstructions and within reach, shall be checked for functionality, rot, and other damage.
- c. Evaluate the basic functionality of main kitchen appliances to include;
  - i. Cycle the dishwasher to check for leaks and basic functionality.
  - ii. Ensure Refrigerator is cooling, lights are functional, and dispensers operate as intended.
  - iii. Run disposal to ensure operation.
  - iv. Ensure all oven/stove elements and burners turn on.
  - v. Check exhaust fans for functionality.
- d. Note visible apparent or suspected mold in excess of two (2) square feet within the finished living areas where free of obstructions and within view.
- e. Note rodents and/or evidence of rodents where free

of obstructions and within view within the finished living areas where accessed by the inspector.

- f. Check for manufacturer recalls on basic appliances and deliver a RecallChek® Report.
- g. Issue a warranty against roof leaks on any home where no visible moisture or leaking issues were observed from a duly authorized Warranty or Service Contract Provider.
- h. Note the current water pressure at one plumbing fixture drawing from the primary source of water delivery for the home.
- i. Note the age of HVAC systems where clearly evident on a manufacturer's identification tag.
- j. Test the pressure-activated auto reverse and related safety mechanisms of garage doors, where applicable.

### III. Additional Required Deliverables to Client beyond the Referenced Standard

- a. Each client shall receive, from a duly authorized Warranty or Service Contract Provider the following:
  - i. A 90 Day Limited Warranty for Mechanical and Structural Failures.
  - ii. A 90 Day Limited (extendable) Warranty for underground sewer and water line issues.
  - iii. A 90 Day Limited Warranty for visible mold issues within the living spaces.
  - iv. All warranties have terms and conditions and are serviced and underwritten by a third party.

### IV. Required Guarantee

- a. At least a 100% satisfaction money back guarantee, solely applied to any funds paid for the inspection service itself (excluding any ancillary services). This guarantee shall be good for a minimum of 15 days following the inspection.

This Advanced Standards, combined with the Referenced Standards, shall encompass all obligations to the Client without exception. By accepting such standards as referenced in the accompanying Inspection Agreement, Client agrees to pursue any and all issues via the various Warranties and Guarantees as enumerated herein.

# 90DAY WARRANTY



**MECHANICAL COVERAGE SUMMARY:** Plumbing: Water lines, faucets, water heaters, drain lines, gas lines. Electrical: Main service panel, secondary service panel, and wiring. Appliances: Kitchen Appliances including and limited to oven, range, dishwasher, built-in microwave, trash compactor, and garbage disposal. Heating/Air (HVAC): Furnace, Air Conditioner, and Thermostats.

**STRUCTURAL COVERAGE SUMMARY:** Poured Concrete & Block wall foundations. Floor joists, bottom & top plates, and wall members. Roof leak repair (does not include replacement of bad shingles), load bearing walls, attached garage doors.

**COVERAGE TERMS:** This service contract covers only those items specifically listed and excludes all others. This contract covers parts and labor only and does not cover consequential or secondary damages. This contract only covers those items that were confirmed to be in good working order at time of inspection and excludes all others, regardless of their condition at the time of inspection or if they were repaired. This contract does not cover water damage, cosmetic repairs, or items that are inaccessible without the removal of drywall, concrete, or any other permanently installed covering. This is not a maintenance contract. In order for an item to be covered, it must be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's standards or be maintained within reasonable standards where no such standards exist. This contract excludes all appliances, climate control systems, and fixtures over 10 years old. This contract does not cover plumbing stoppages, regardless of reason. This contract does not cover well or septic systems or any related components. RWS is not responsible for upgrading failed systems to meet current codes or local ordinances. This contract does not cover chimneys, fireplaces, or brick failures of any kind. This contract does not cover cracking or scaling concrete. Roof repair is for leaks only, to rolled, composition, or asphalt shingle roof only, and is limited to the repair of the leak only. This contract does not cover pest damage, including that caused by any and all wood destroying insects and pests. All mechanical coverage is limited to those items within the home's foundation, and limited to an aggregate maximum of \$500.00. All structural coverage is limited to issues within the home's foundations and is limited to an aggregate maximum of \$2000.00. RWS is not an insurer. Any damage caused by any peril is not covered by this contract, which includes but is not limited to; war, riot, civil commotion, earthquake, hurricane, any and all acts of god, or any other outside cause or neglect. All claims on this contract shall be made by the buyer of record only after they have taken possession of the home. This warranty and all related

disputes shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of Hamilton County in the State of Indiana without reference to, and regardless of, any applicable choice or conflicts of laws principles. All claims must be received within 90 days of the inspection or within 22 days of closing, whichever comes later. The coverage under this contract shall come after any and all other warranties in place.

**VALIDATING YOUR HOME WARRANTY:** It is important that we have your information prior to any claims being made. Please be sure to validate your home warranty at <http://90daywarrantyvalidation.com> within 15 days of your inspection with your name, the address of the property, and your inspector's name.

## **CLAIMS PROCEDURES:**

1. Written Notification of claim must be received by RWS prior to the expiration of the contract (which is defined as noon, the 91st day after the inspection is completed). The following information must be contained in the claim:

- a. **Your Name**
- b. **Your Inspector's Name**
- c. **Your Full Address**
- d. **A Phone Number Where You Can Be Reached**
- e. **A Brief Description of the Claim**
- f. **Make, Model & Serial # for All Appliances**

2. An itemized repair estimate must be submitted for every approved claim, including the breakdown of parts & labor, as well as a specific cause for the failure in writing from a licensed or properly certified repairperson. RWS reserves the right to request up to two (2) additional estimates. The estimate must include contact information for the repairperson.

3. A copy of your home inspection must be submitted with the repair estimate, or at least those pages pertaining to the affected items.

Claims will be processed after we are in receipt of items 1, 2, & 3. You will be contacted by an RWS representative within 72 hours of all items being submitted.

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# SEWER|GARD



## Term

SewerGard protection is offered for a period of 90 days following the date of the inspection, or 22 days after closing, whichever comes later. If you received a sewer scope, this policy is extended to 6 months from the date of the inspection, or 22 days from closing, whichever comes later. All claims must be received by RWS within the term of the agreement. An extension of coverage may be made available at a nominal fee at the conclusion of this agreement. This agreement is not transferable to any other property outside of the one listed on your home inspection report. Any costs above what is expressly stated as covered herein are the responsibility of the homeowner.

## Coverage

During the agreement term, only the directly affected portions of the following components are covered against failure due to normal wear and tear:

1. "Water Line". The water line is the single lateral water service line from the point of the water utility's connection to the point of the water meter or main shut off line inside the home. The water line also includes well water lines, excluding those exceeding five feet under the surface level of the yard.
2. "Sewer Line". The sewer line is the single lateral sewer service line from the point of the home's exterior wall to the point of connection to the sewer utility's wastewater collection system or septic tank.

## Covered Repairs

This agreement covers only repairs as specified and excludes all others. Coverage is limited to \$2000 per occurrence, \$4000 aggregate. Only failures that occur after the date of the inspection are covered. This agreement does not cover repairs to material types that have been affected by a class action lawsuit or manufacturer's recall. This agreement only applies to residential properties being used for residential purposes only. Only line breakages, collapses, and significant leaks that affect the functionality of the home's sewer and water systems are covered under this policy. Clogs are expressly excluded and all additional repairs are the responsibility of the homeowner. This policy does not cover secondary or consequential damages.

## Exclusions

RWS will not be responsible for any of the following:

- a. Repairing anything that occurred before the state date of this agreement or that wasn't reported to RWS during the term of this agreement.
- b. Repairing anything not resulting from normal wear and usage.
- c. Repairing anything caused by you and/or third parties.
- d. Repairing anything in a home that is being renovated.
- e. Repairing anything caused by natural acts or disasters included but not limited to floods, earthquakes, landslides, sinkholes, or any insurable causes.
- f. Repairing anything caused by defective materials, or any material that has been the subject of class action litigation or a recall.
- g. Repairing anything required by any other party (city, state, federal or other party) unless otherwise covered by this agreement.
- h. Repairing any openings or damage caused to walls as a result of investigation or repair of a covered issue.

- i. Repairing shared lines (as in shared with another property).
- j. Repairs to any damaged items consequential to a sewer or water line failure or repair.
- k. Paying any costs associated with relocation of lines, lost water, lost time, lost use of your home, or any damages due to any special circumstances or conditions.
- l. Covered repair costs include only the water and sewer lines at a covered rate of: \$200/linear foot up to 5 feet; \$150/linear foot above 5 feet up to 10 feet; and \$100/linear foot until the \$2,000 claim maximum is reached.

## RWS' Right to Review

RWS reserves the right to have its own contractor review any diagnosis, estimates, and bid on any project covered under this agreement. RWS shall choose the acceptable estimate in its sole discretion for coverage. This warranty and all related disputes shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of Hamilton County in the State of Indiana without reference to, and regardless of, any applicable choice or conflicts of laws principles.

## Claim Procedures

Written Notification of claim including items 1, 2, and 3 must be received by RWS prior to the expiration of the policy. All claims on this policy shall be made by the buyer of record only after they have taken possession of the home and must be received within 90 days of the inspection or within 22 days of closing, whichever comes later. Claims will be processed after we are in receipt of items 1, 2 & 3. You will be contacted within 72 business hours of all items being submitted.

1. Written Notification of Claim - The following information must be contained in the notification:
  - a. Your Name
  - b. Your Inspection Company's Name
  - c. A Phone Number Where You Can Be Reached
  - d. A Brief Description of the Claim
2. An itemized repair estimate, including the breakdown of parts & labor, as well as a specific cause for the failure in writing from a licensed or properly certified repairperson. RWS reserves the right to request up to two (2) additional estimates. The estimate must include contact information for the repairperson.
3. A copy of your home inspection report, or at least those pages pertaining to the affected items.

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## Deductible

The policy holder is responsible for the first \$300 worth of repairs and investigation of any covered issue. Any and all receipts and invoices must be delivered at time of claim submission to ensure credit for any covered expenditures. The policy holder is also responsible for any costs exceeding the coverage limitations of \$2000 per occurrence and \$4000 aggregate.





## Term

MoldSafe protection is offered for a period of 90 days following the date of the inspection, or 22 days after closing, whichever comes later. All claims must be received by RWS within the term of the agreement. An extension of coverage may be made available at a nominal fee at the conclusion of this agreement. This agreement is not transferable to any other property outside of the one listed on your home inspection report.

## Coverage

During the agreement term, the following conditions are covered:

1. New visible mold- During the course of your home inspection and in your home inspection report, if there were no visible mold or moisture issues reported, this agreement covers the remediation (removal) of visible mold on surfaces permanently installed in the subject property.

## Covered Repairs

This agreement covers only repairs as specified and excludes all others. Coverage is limited to \$2000 in aggregate. Only new visible mold growth that occurs after the date of the inspection is covered. This agreement does not cover repairs to components that need to be replaced but rather just covers their removal. Many surfaces can be treated and cleaned without such removal. This policy does not cover mold resulting from insurable events including but not limited to floods, rain/water intrusion, or any other peril. This is not homeowner's insurance policy.

## Exclusions

RWS will not be responsible for any of the following;

- a. Repairing anything that occurred before the start date of this agreement.
- b. Repairing anything that wasn't reported to RWS during the term of this agreement.
- c. Repairing anything caused by you and/or third parties.
- d. Repairing anything in a home that is being renovated.
- e. Repairing anything caused by natural acts or disasters included but not limited to floods, landslides, sinkholes, plumbing line breakages, or any insurable cause.
- f. Repairing anything required by any other party (city, state, federal, or other party) unless otherwise covered by this agreement.
- g. Repairing any openings or damage caused to walls or floors as a result of investigation or repair of a covered issue.

h. Any and all medical issues related to mold, mildew, or any other organic growth.

## RWS' Right to Review

RWS reserves the right to have its own contractor review any diagnosis, estimate, and bid on any project covered under this agreement. RWS shall choose the acceptable estimate in its sole discretion for coverage. This warranty and all related disputes shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of Hamilton County in the State of Indiana without reference to, and regardless of, any applicable choice or conflicts of laws principles.

## Claim Procedures

Written notification of claim including items 1, 2, and 3 must be received by RWS prior to the expiration of the policy. All claims on this policy shall be made by the buyer of record only after they have taken possession of the home and must be received within 90 days of the inspection or within 22 days of closing, whichever comes later. Claims will be processed after we are in receipt of items 1, 2 & 3. You will be contacted within 72 business hours of all items being submitted.

1. Written Notification of Claim - The following information must be contained in the notification:

- a. Your Name
- b. Your Inspection Company's Name
- c. A Phone Number Where You Can Be Reached
- d. A Brief Description of the Claim

2. An itemized repair estimate, including the breakdown of parts & labor, as well as a specific cause for the mold growth in writing from a duly licensed professional. RWS reserves the right to request up to two (2) additional estimates. The estimate must include contact information for the repairperson.

3. A copy of your home inspection report and any mold tests.

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## Deductible

The policy holder is responsible for the first \$300 worth of repairs and investigation of any covered issue. Any and all receipts and invoices must be delivered at time of claim submission to ensure credit for any covered expenditures. The policy holder is also responsible for any costs exceeding the coverage limitations of \$2000.00.



# PLATINUM

## ROOF PROTECTION PLAN

### 5 YEAR LEAK REPAIR COVERAGE

This service contract is for the repair of leaks to your home's roof for a period of **5 years following the date of inspection**. This service contract covers only those items specifically listed and excludes all others, subject to the terms and conditions herein.

This policy covers all residential roof types, including asphalt/composition shingles, slate roofs, metal roofs, tile roofs, and non-commercial flat roof types. This policy applies only to the home itself, and specifically excludes other structures.

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*For warranty claims  
or questions call:*  
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**with Your Full Home Inspection**

This service contract covers repairs for leaks only. Any defect noted in your home inspection or any consequential leak resulting from a defect noted in your inspection is not covered. If your inspector noted damage, leaks, improper installation, or worn materials, it is the responsibility of the home owner to remedy these conditions. This is not a policy of insurance, and as such consequential damage from a leak is not covered. Damage from any peril (fire, flood, lightning, vandalism, etc.) is not covered by this policy and should be reported to your homeowner's insurance company. Repairs necessary as the result of abuse, neglect, or lack of maintenance are not covered by this policy.

A deductible of \$500 applies to any roof leak claim. Should the actual cost of repair be less than \$500, the home owner shall pay the lower amount. Repairs completed under this policy, after the deductible has been satisfied, are guaranteed for the remainder of the term of this policy. Leak repairs shall be covered only when the cause of the leak is normal wear and tear or deterioration. The aggregate limit of this policy for the 5 year period is \$3000.00. Home owner is responsible for the cost of replacing roof coverings when needed. On any claim payment to the home owner can be requested in lieu of payment to a service provider, which may be a prudent choice especially when a roof replacement is being considered.

This policy was delivered to the home owner free of charge by their home inspector. The policy is serviced by Residential Warranty Services, Inc.(RWS) with its principal offices located in Carmel, Indiana. Any action, including complaints, legal disputes, or compliance requests, shall be made in Hamilton County, in the State of Indiana. This policy is non-transferable.\* It shall be used only for the benefit of the purchaser of the property as listed on the home inspection report and only for the subject property of that report.

#### MAKING A CLAIM

Prior to the date on which this policy expires, which is the same date as the inspection 5 calendar years later, RWS must receive written notification of your claim. Simply call 1-800-544-8156 for instructions or send your claim, including a brief summary of the condition, your name, your full address, a phone number you can be reached at, a copy of your home inspection, and a written diagnosis and an itemized estimate which includes the breakdown of parts and labor from a qualified roofing contractor to:

**Residential Warranty Services, Inc., P.O. Box 797, Carmel, IN 46082**

Claims can also be faxed to 877-307-7056 or emailed to 90day@rswarranty.com

*\*Policy is transferable to the buyer with a pre-listing inspection.*



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**PLATINUM ROOF PROTECTION PLAN**  
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# THE STRUCTURAL WARRANTY FOR NEW AND EXISTING HOMES

WELCOME TO YOUR

**NXT**

## STRUCTURAL WARRANTY CONTRACT

*BROUGHT TO YOU BY RESIDENTIAL WARRANTY SERVICES  
& YOUR HOME INSPECTION COMPANY*

**12 MONTH POLICY STARTING FROM INSPECTION DATE**

**Certain items and events are not covered by this contract.  
Please refer to the exclusions listed on pages 4-7 of this document.**

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# Welcome

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The NXT Structural Service Contract is exclusively offered FREE OF CHARGE by Residential Warranty Services, Inc. ("RWS") on homes inspected by a qualifying Certified Inspection Expert ("CIE"). The Contract covers only those items that were noted in the CIE Inspection Report as being free of defects or which had any listed defects repaired by a licensed contractor, so long as documentation of the same is provided to RWS with your claim submission, and so long as the repairs were properly completed and fully repaired. The contract holder is responsible for regular maintenance of the property, including not planting trees or shrubs close enough to the home's foundation to cause damage, establishing and maintaining negative grading away from the home, and must follow the claims procedure listed below in order to be eligible for coverage. This contract covers only those items and/or occurrences expressly specified herein and excludes all others – while some commonly excluded items are included for transparency purposes, these lists are not inclusive and only those items specified as covered herein are within the scope of the Contract. Please read this entire contract for coverage terms as this contract is one of adhesion; payment indicates your acceptance of coverage and of its terms, conditions, and limitations.





# Terms and Definitions

Here are some important terms to know, and the definitions you see here are how they are used throughout the contract;

## Terms

### Aggregate Limit of Liability

Unless otherwise specified, the maximum aggregates are as follows:

- NXT 1 - **\$5,000** per claim and **\$100,000** for the duration of the 12 (twelve) month policy.

The maximum aggregate per claim is the maximum amount the contract holder is eligible to receive for any single, covered claim, noting that the contract holder is not entitled to the maximum aggregate limit for any single claim, even if the claim submitted is for an amount higher than the aggregate maximum. The maximum aggregate for the duration of the contract consists of all claims made in a single contract term. Any payment will be deducted from the aggregate maximum limits of coverage for the duration of the Contract's term.

### Certified Inspection Expert

A certification available to all home inspectors, requiring they met certain qualifications and were granted the official certification of 'Certified Inspection Expert' or 'CIE'. If your home inspector does NOT have this certification, you will NOT have coverage under the Contract. Please call 1-800-544-8156 for a list of eligible home inspectors or information to see if you qualify.

### Claim

Any time a current, covered single structural component failure is reported to RWS by the contract holder. Each and every distinct covered failure of any part or component as determined by an authorized contractor, constitutes a distinct claim for which the contract holder will be responsible for a deductible or the actual cost, whichever is lower.

### Contract Holder

The person(s) to whom the benefit of this contract from RWS is owed.

### Contract

Used to describe your limited structural component warranty for new and pre-existing homes and should not be given any additional meaning or interpretation beyond that given here. This is a home protection contract, not a contract of insurance.

### Deductible

A deductible is incurred by the contract holder each time a claim is made and applies to each structural

component failure repaired under the contract terms. At times, multiple structural component failures may be discovered within a single claim and a deductible would apply for each repair or the actual cost to repair, whichever is less. RWS is responsible for the cost of approved repairs beyond the deductible, subject to the limitations of liability. Please see the Notice Form to confirm your specific deductible, as unless otherwise specified, the deductible is \$2,000. Deductibles are payable to the contractor at time of service.

### Immediate Repairs

If it is outside of normal business hours and a reasonable person would determine that there is a substantial and immediate risk of bodily injury or property damage if the structural component failure is left alone, it is the contract holder's responsibility to mitigate the damages by implementing temporary fixes to allow licensed contractors to repair issues on a regular time frame. The Contract will apply up to **\$500** worth of temporary repairs towards the applicable deductible on any claim where substantial and immediate risk existed so long as all receipts for the temporary work are delivered with your claims procedure documents.

### Non-Claim

Any time an incident outside of coverage is reported to RWS by the contract holder. In the event of a "non-claim," whereby a contractor is requested and the structural component failure is not covered by the Contract, the trip charge from the contractor will be payable by the contract holder. RWS claims representatives are well-trained and will do everything within their power to ensure the right contractor is dispatched the first time. However, the ultimate determination of whether to request service and by what type of contractor is up to the contract holder. Should the trade of the contractor requested not be the trade necessary to fix a covered issue, it will be treated as a "non-claim."

### RWS

Acronym used to describe Residential Warranty Services, Inc., your contract provider.

**COVERAGE. UNMATCHED.**

# Coverage

## Coverage Details.

The coverage in this Contract applies only to items falling within the perimeter of the foundation of the home and attached garages. This Contract only applies to homes on permanent foundations and covers structural component malfunctions and failures as follows: footings and foundation systems, beams, girders, lintels, masonry arches, columns, load-bearing walls, partitions, roof framing systems, and floor systems, subject to the following limitations and exclusions: the Contract does not cover any item within, attached to, or affected by any modifications to the property made by the contract holder after the date of inspection by the Certified Inspection Expert and it covers only those items and elements required to ensure the home's structural stability.

Any repair of a covered failure is limited to the repair of the damage to load-bearing structural components solely to restore any load-bearing function as existed prior to the malfunction. Where a non-load bearing structural component was damaged and repair is necessary to restore safety, sanitation, or livability – these repairs would also be covered. Any repairs involving cosmetic correction consequential to the malfunction or otherwise, are not covered under the Contract.

## Examples of Covered Occurrences.

The following is a sample list of covered occurrences in a home's structural systems under this contract. Included in each sample is the covered repair procedure: footings and foundation systems, beams, girders, lintels, masonry arches, columns, load-bearing walls, partitions, roof framing systems, and floor systems.

## Examples of Non-Covered Occurrences.

**Examples of items that are not covered include, but are not limited to: flooring and sub-flooring materials, stucco, stone veneers, siding of any kind, drywall, plaster, wall tile, floor tile, wall paper/coverings, shower enclosures, roof shingles, roof coverings, roof tiles, sheathing, tar paper, mechanical systems, heating and/or cooling systems, ventilation, plumbing, electrical systems, appliances, plumbing fixtures, electrical fixtures, doors, cabinets, trim, hardware, insulation, paint, stains (cosmetic or otherwise), mold, and/or basement or other interior floating, ground-supported concrete slabs.**

## Exclusions.

The Contract does not provide coverage for any of the following, specifically excluded, items:

1. Insurance claims or any issues caused by a peril, defined as any cause for damage other than normal wear and tear.
2. Damage or defects outside the perimeter of the home or in swimming pools, tennis courts, driveways, retaining walls, landscaping, sprinkler systems, patios, decks, stoops, steps, porches, outbuildings, detached carports, or any other appurtenance.
3. Loss or damage when/if the property was utilized for

non-residential purpose.;

4. Changes in the level of the underground water table.
5. Failure of any repairs or further evaluation from an inspection report to be followed through on (including any consequential damages therefrom).
6. Any cause including physical damage from an outside source (whether covered by insurance or not) as only normal wear and tear is covered.
7. Any damage that is caused (or made worse by) the following: negligence, improper maintenance, failure to comply with notices of any kind, failure by the contract holder to report a structural component failure promptly, change of the grading or lack of draining maintenance that results in foundation water issues, riot, civil commotion, war, vandalism, hurricane, tornado, explosion, blasting, smoke, water, fire, tidal wave, flood, hail, snow, ice storm, lightning strike or surge, falling trees or other objects, aircraft, vehicles, mudslide, landslide, avalanche, earthquake, volcanic eruption, sinkhole, or geographical phenomena, abuse of any part of the home beyond the capacity of such part, microorganisms, fungus, decay, wet rot, dry rot, soft rot, rotting of any kind, mold mildew, vermin, termites, insects, rodents, birds, wild or domestic animals, plants, corrosion, rust, radon, radiation, formaldehyde, asbestos or any other environmental issue, pollutants, contaminants/toxins, irritants, carcinogens, electromagnetic field, any other claimed health risk of uninhabitability, failure to minimize or mitigate any failure or condition as soon as practical.
8. Any loss or damage caused by anything underground.
9. Any damage known before the contract start date.
10. Any loss covered by a third party outside the Contract (all alternative coverage must be exhausted before this contract).
11. Consequential costs to repairs (including hotels and transportation).
12. Diminishment in market value of property.
13. Personal property, pain and suffering, emotional distress.
14. Any defect or malfunction reported after the Contract's expiration date.
15. Any structural component failure or settlement where the indicated deflection is under 1" from condition at time of inspection.
16. For new home construction, where the builder is required to cover construction defects, RWS does not provide coverage for structural component defects covered by another source. Defects not covered by another source are eligible to be covered by the Contract, subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

# Claim Procedure

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## **Making a Claim.**

All claim types can be made by calling 1-800-544-8156 and must be made between the date of contract commencement at noon and the date of expiration at midnight. The contract holder is entitled to service beyond the date of the Contract's expiration so long as the claim has been filed within the warranty period.

A claims processor will field your call and ask you to provide contact numbers, an email address, and a description of the problem. If the claim appears to not be covered under the warranty contract, we will do our best to inform you so that you do not have to pay a deductible for a non-claim. If the claim appears to fall under the warranty coverage provided, then the claims processor will forward your claim to a contractor, who will then call you to schedule an appointment time. RWS will make every reasonable effort to get a contractor dispatched within 24 business hours of contacting RWS.

## **Do Not Call a Contractor Before You Call RWS.**

RWS will not be liable for any costs associated with a contractor selected by the contract holder without prior authorization. Contract holder's contractors contacted prior to making a claim with RWS and without prior authorization will not be eligible for service, or reimbursement, hereunder. RWS does not cover components damaged by outside contractors. Before you have work done, call RWS to find out if it is covered

## **Contractor Availability.**

RWS is not a contractor. However, all third party contractors in RWS's network are screened for mandatory qualifications, insurance, and references. RWS does not guarantee the work of our network contractors, nor do we insure them for liabilities they may incur in the course of offering service. Should a contract holder or their property sustain any sort of damage resultant from the work of a contractor, the contractor should be notified immediately. RWS will make every reasonable effort to get a contractor dispatched within 24 business hours. During certain exceptional high volume claim periods, these times may be exceeded. RWS is not responsible for damage caused by delays in service.

## **Deductible.**

The contract holder must pay their applicable deductible to the service contractor at the time of repair noting that more than one deductible may ultimately apply to a single claim.

## **Return Service Calls.**

RWS has a single deductible per structural component failure contract. If the contractor does not adequately rectify the issue reported by the contract holder on the first visit, and a similar problem persists shortly after a service call, please call RWS to inform them of the unsatisfactory repair. If the problem is related to inadequate repair, the contractor will come back out to commence further repairs at no additional cost to the contract holder when that contractor is in the RWS network. The circumstances under which the component failed must be covered by the contract and RWS reserves the

right to send the same contractor to the home if the problem persists during the same contract term. Furthermore, it is our policy that our contractors leave a copy of the invoice for work performed at the warranted property for any repair. Each contractor has their own contract on how long they guarantee their workmanship and parts, which may extend beyond the term of your contract with RWS. Call the contractor for further details or inquire about their guarantees at the time service is performed.

## **Overtime fees.**

If you choose to have a claim addressed outside of normal business hours, additional fees may apply as assessed by the contractor and will be the responsibility of the contract holder. Any claim, regardless of classification, may be handled after normal business hours based on the availability of RWS authorized contractors. RWS shall only be liable for the standard costs of repairing the failure; the contract holder would be responsible for any overtime charges imposed by the contractor.

## **Right of the Contract Holder.**

The contractor selected by RWS does not have to be the contractor to perform the repair. After diagnosis and before any repair actions have commenced, the contract holder may request cash in lieu of repair for that claim. RWS is not responsible for the work of contractors outside of our network under our "single deductible" contract (see next section). The Contract covers only items as described and excludes all others. All repairs will be made/offered in a manner determined by RWS. RWS shall have the sole option of determining in what manner the structural component failure will be corrected. Contract holder has the option of taking a cash payment in lieu of repair on any claim, a decision that must be made after diagnosis and approval of the claim by RWS and before any repairs have commenced and/or costs incurred on their behalf.

## **Second Opinions.**

RWS reserves the right to a second opinion after the diagnosis of a covered issue by an approved RWS contractor, at the cost of RWS and at no further cost to the contract holder. In the case of a contract holder opting to utilize their own contractor, RWS reserves the right to a second opinion after diagnosis and estimates, at the cost of RWS less the deductible that applies to that claim.

## **Cancellation.**

RWS may cancel this contract without refund to the contract holder under any of the following circumstances: (1) In the event of fraud or misrepresentation by the contract holder or any related parties, (2) If the contract holder fails to pay any fee associated with this contract including, but not limited to; deductible and payments for the service contract itself, or (3) If the home is vacated or has been left vacant in the past.

# Limits of Liability

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1. On any claim, at any time prior to work commencing, either RWS or the contract holder may elect to pay/receive cash in lieu of repair, keeping in mind the cash payment will be for the reasonable cost of repairing the failed part at RWS's cost, and may be less than retail. The cash payment will reflect RWS negotiated cost for service and may be less than retail.

2. Wherever an Engineer's opinion is required for a repair (i.e. Manufactured Truss Systems) the Contract will cover up to **\$500** worth of Engineering Expenses.

3. RWS does not cover items where environmental issues arise such as lead, mold, or asbestos. RWS is not responsible for the presence of lead, mold, asbestos or any other environmental hazard nor the removal of the same.

4. RWS does not cover consequential or secondary damage caused by failures of covered items except where specified. RWS is not an insurer.

5. RWS does not pay for the costs of permits except where expressly specified as covered, herein.

6. RWS, at its sole discretion, may provide a repair, replacement, or buy-out payment for the reasonable cost of repair for the covered failure, noting that the design, method, and manner in which any repair is made is at the sole discretion of RWS. The buy-out will reflect RWS negotiated cost for services and may be less than retail.

7. Repairs necessary as a result of any act of nature, misuse, abuse, lack of maintenance, improper installation, wind, rain, tornado, fire, hurricane, riots, civil commotion, or any other outside influence, natural or unnatural, including a previous contractor's work, are not covered under this contract.

8. RWS will make commercially reasonable efforts to fulfill its obligations under the Contract. Certain causes and events out of RWS's control may result in RWS' inability to perform, in whole or in part. If this occurs, RWS's obligations shall be suspended to the extent necessary by such event and, in no way, shall RWS be liable to the contract holder or any party for its failure to fulfill its obligations or for damages caused. Events include, but are not limited to, acts of god, fire, war, flood, earthquake, hurricanes, tornadoes, other natural disasters, acts of terrorism, acts of any governmental agency, accidents, strikes, labor troubles, shortages in supply, changes in law, rules, or regulations of any governmental authority, and any other cause beyond RWS's reasonable control.

9. RWS is not the servicing contractor; all RWS network contractors are independent, third parties to RWS, though all are screened for mandatory qualifications, insurance, and references. As a risk management company, RWS cannot guarantee the work of RWS contractors, or take responsibility for liabilities they may incur through the course of work. Any statement made by a contractor, whether or not they are an RWS network contractor, is their personal opinion and not binding on RWS, including any statements regarding cover-

age or extent of coverage under the contract.

10. If a repair is not available without additional improvements to the property, the cost of those improvements (whether cosmetic or simply additional costs associated with bringing an older property up to code or repairing the covered failure) are the sole expense of the contract holder.

11. RWS is only responsible for standard repair costs of the covered failure, even if the best option for the contract holder is more extensive. Should the contract holder wish to authorize a more extensive repair, they may choose to receive a cash payment in lieu of repair. In such cases, the cash payment shall be made in accordance with RWS's negotiated service and repair rates and may be less than retail.

12. Coverage may be voided if the correct square footage, including finished and non-finished spaces, was not reported to RWS and was not appropriately ordered.

13. This contract is a home protection contract; a service contract and not a reimbursement contract. You must call for service at 1-800-544-8156.

14. Only pre-existing conditions that were not known to any party involved in the transaction are covered. As a part of the verification process, the contract holder will be required to provide RWS with a copy of any home inspection reports and seller's disclosure statements. No other pre-existing conditions are covered under this contract, unless specified.

15. Reimbursement rates for Contractors NOT in RWS's network: up to **\$75** per hour for labor charges, up to 10% over distributor cost for material costs, shipping costs up to **\$50**, where applicable, and up to **\$30** for trip charges.





# Additional Terms and Conditions

All Claims and disputes arising from or related to this home warranty contract shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with, and shall have sole jurisdiction and venue in, the state and federal courts of Hamilton County in the State of Indiana, with the contract holder expressing their consent to the same and expressly waiving personal jurisdiction for any alternate court or venue, regardless to conflict of law provisions. Contract holders may have other legal rights that vary from state to state and so are responsible for informing themselves to the laws of their jurisdictions and compliance therewith. Disputes must be made, in writing, within 30 days of the dispute arising and sent via registered mail with proof of delivery to: NXT Structural Service Contract, Attn: Legal, PO Box 797, Carmel, IN 46082.

If the above provision is found to be unenforceable in the contract holder's jurisdiction for any reason, the following clause applies: **ARBITRATION AGREEMENT – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:** Any controversy of claim arising out of or relating to this contract or the breach thereof, shall be settled by final and binding arbitration filed by the aggrieved party with and administered by the American Arbitration Association (hereafter referred to as “AAA”) in accordance with its Commercial Arbitration Rules in effect at the time the claim is filed. The Rules, information and forms of the AAA may be obtained and all claims shall be filed at any office of the AAA or at Corporate Headquarters, 335 Madison Avenue, Floor 10, New York, New York 10017-4605. Telephone: (212)-716-5800, Fax: (212)-716-5905, Website: [www.adr.org](http://www.adr.org). The arbitration of all disputes shall be decided by a neutral arbitrator, and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having competent jurisdiction thereof. Any such arbitration will be conducted in the city nearest to the property covered by this contract having an AAA regional office. Each party shall bear its own costs and expenses and equal share of the administrative and arbitrator's fees of arbitration. This arbitration Agreement is made pursuant to a transaction involving interstate commerce, and shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16. **THE PARTIES UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WOULD HAVE HAD A RIGHT OR OPPORTUNITY TO LITIGATE THROUGH A COURT AND TO HAVE A JUDGE OR JURY DECIDE THEIR CASE, BUT THEY CHOOSE TO HAVE ANY AND ALL DISPUTES DECIDED THROUGH ARBITRATION. BY AGREEING TO THIS PROVISION, THE PARTIES ARE GIVING UP ANY RIGHT THEY MIGHT HAVE TO SUE EACH OTHER.**

The administrator name and name of the provider and servicer of this contract is: Residential Warranty Services, Inc. located at 698 Pro Med Lane, Carmel, IN 46032. Toll-Free 1-800-544-8156. Obligations of the obligor under this service contract are backed by the full faith and credit of the obligor.

The terms expressly listed herein constitute the entire agreement between Residential Warranty Services and the contract holder. Any claim, dispute, or controversy regarding this contract or the relationship among the parties, by or on behalf of a contract holder, will take place on an individual basis. Class actions, collective actions, and other similar representative proceedings of any kind or nature are not permitted. By entering into this contract, you agree that you

may bring claims against RWS or its affiliates only in your individual capacity. Any failure by RWS to assert a right or enforce a requirement under the Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of that or any other right or requirement and shall not preclude RWS from asserting any right or enforcing any requirement at any time. If any provision of the Contract is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, for any reason, that provision shall be limited or eliminated to the minimum extent necessary so that this contract shall otherwise remain in full force and effect and enforceable.

The Contract is fully transferable so long as the property address remains the same. To transfer the Contract, you must notify RWS at the above mailing address with the name of the new contract holder, their signed consent, and the date on which the property transfers to the new contract holder. A transfer fee of \$35 may apply. Successive owners may benefit from the Contract but, upon their consent of the transfer, are also consenting to their being bound by the Contract's listed terms and conditions.

This policy was delivered to the home owner free of charge by their home inspector. For copies of any RWS printed materials, please call the RWS offices at 1-800-544-8156.

