

# FARM INSPECTION CHECKLIST



We face risks every day in our personal and business lives. Preventative actions can help protect you, your family, and your farm. This checklist outlines key items to review regularly to help reduce the risk of loss.

**\*We recommend hiring a qualified contractor to complete any necessary changes\***

GENERAL	ELECTRICAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Test your generator regularly</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure exhaust vents are clear, unobstructed, and fitted with proper exterior covers</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect and clean wood-burning appliances annually</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Store chemicals in designated, clearly labelled areas</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintain an active rodent control program</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Install fire detection or suppression systems in utility rooms</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Install and maintain smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide handrails where required</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure manure pits are fenced and prevent runoff</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect fences and gates</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Park vehicles and equipment indoors during poor weather when possible</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintain adequate clearance around electrical panels</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep electrical components clean and free of moisture</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Replace missing knockout fillers</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Exercise electrical breakers regularly</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Replace circuit breakers that trip frequently</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Unplug tools and appliances when not in use</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Replace extension cords with permanent wiring where required</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Replace temporary heaters with permanent appliances installed by a qualified contractor</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Replace corroded electrical components</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Replace damaged outlet and switch plate covers</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade electrical enclosures in high-moisture or corrosive areas to NEMA Type 4</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect electrical and mechanical systems using thermal technology (available to Trillium Mutual members)</li></ul>

## FARM TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

- Ensure all lights and indicators are clean and operational
- Confirm vehicle warning lights are the correct colour
- Install slow-moving vehicle signs where required
- Ensure wheels and tires are in good condition and properly inflated
- Store equipment in a clean, dry environment
- Carry fire extinguishers on equipment, especially in heavily combustible environments (e.g., balers, chopping or spreading straw)
- Clean debris from equipment before or after each operation
- Never operate equipment while distracted

## WATER

- Inspect water supply lines to fixtures and appliances annually
- Install a sump pit and pump with a secondary pump or battery backup
- Install a backwater valve on the main line
- Test sump pumps monthly
- Install flood alarms
- Install containment units under hot water heaters and washing machines
- Remove debris from eavestroughs
- Extend downspouts and ensure grading directs water at least 1.8 m (6 ft) away from the foundation

## FUEL STORAGE

- Maintain adequate clearance around fuel oil tanks
- Protect fuel tanks from impact using bollards or relocation where necessary
- Protect fuel oil tank filters from impact
- Visually inspect fuel oil tanks and systems regularly
- Have fuel oil tanks and appliances inspected by a qualified Oil Burner Technician every 10 years
- Replace corroded fuel tanks

## STRUCTURAL

- Observe the building envelope and verify no missing or loose cladding
- Secure sliding doors when open or closed
- Inspect and maintain truss gusset plates in high-moisture or corrosive environments
- Do not store items in open-web trusses
- Cover spray foam insulation with a protective thermal barrier
- Prepare an action plan to address severe snow load conditions