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# Q&A:

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### About MHI

McDonald Home Inspection, Inc. is owned and operated by Jim McDonald, a life-long resident of Rockford, IL and vicinity with strong community ties. MHI is not a franchise with a revolving stable of novice inspectors. All home inspections are performed by me, an inspector with over 30 combined years in residential, multi-family, and

### Q&A: "Ask the Inspector's Inspector"

*by Jim McDonald, Owner MHI / IL Licensed Home Inspector*

McDonald Home Inspection (MHI) has started a new question and answer eNews series to help homeowners, home seekers, and realtors understand important tips about home inspections and maintaining your home, with the occasional humorous "home inspection nightmare" sprinkled in. Learn and enjoy!

Email with your good questions to answer in future issues: [ASK@inspect4us.com](mailto:ASK@inspect4us.com)

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### Lender Bender

*Rockford Realtor asks:*

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*Q: I have been receiving marketing type emails*

commercial building,  
rehabilitation and  
inspection.

### **Contact MHI**

To schedule your  
inspection (usually  
within 48 hours):

1. Call Jim at (815)  
742-1083

OR

2. Send email to:

[JIM@inspect4us.com](mailto:JIM@inspect4us.com)

with your phone #s,  
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*from property management service companies that besides offering the normal services for foreclosure related properties are that they can perform a pressure test on the plumbing system to find leaks. Fighting with the lending company or bank to get the water turned on for a home inspection is like pulling teeth with these guys. This service sounds legitimate and wondering if you too offer the same service.*

*A: This is performed by connecting a compressor to the plumbing while making sure the system is closed off at certain points. If the pressure drops then there may be a leak. I don't offer this service because I would have to add cost to the extra time it takes to perform this test. Besides, this is not full proof, especially when there are small undetectable leaks normally found when only the water is on, not to mention drains. With all that is going on with the economy today, lenders should be bending over backwards to get these properties sold. If the prerequisite for becoming a CEO of these lending institutions was connecting them up to a compressor and watching where the air leaks out, we may not be in this mess.*

*Much more beneficial to your buyers if you get the water turned on before the inspection.*

For more helpful links about systems that keep homes safe and running smoothly, visit "HELPFUL" tab on my website.