

# COMPLIMENTARY PROPERTY INSPECTION GUIDE

## BUILDING A BETTER BIRMINGHAM

PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

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### TAKE SOME TIME TO INSPECT YOUR PROPERTY FOR:

- 1 LEGIBLE ADDRESS NUMBERS**  
clearly marked and readily seen from the street are essential for first responders in cases of emergency (RECOMMENDED MINIMUM OF 4" TALL)
- 2 CHIPPED/FLAKING PAINT**  
resulting in decreased property value and is harmful to children, reduces the weather proofing and exterior durability
- 3 BROKEN WINDOWS**  
attract unwanted intruders/animals, increase utility costs and detract from the visual aesthetic of the home
- 4 DAMAGED ROOF, EAVES & SOFFITS**  
providing entry for birds, wasps and moisture, also exposes the dwelling's interior to the elements and reduces energy efficiency
- 5 PORCH/BALCONY/STAIRS**  
ensure proper handrails and guardrails are installed to prevent physical harm or injuries, especially to small children and the elderly
- 6 GUTTERS**  
drain water away from foundation and prevent basement from flooding that can lead to rot, decay and potential foundation collapse
- 7 DAMAGED FENCES AND WALLS**  
may collapse or harm unsuspecting individuals or obstruct alleyways. (NOTE ALL FENCE AND WALLS, EVEN MOST REPAIRS, REQUIRE PERMIT)



- 8 UNMAINTAINED LAWNS & OVERGROWN VEGETATION**  
create habitat for rodents and contribute to pollen and dust issues that can negatively impact nearby residents are unsightly, can conceal unwanted intruders or provide nesting for animals that promote the spread of disease and pest insects
- 9 JUNK, DEBRIS AND EMPTY CONTAINERS**  
allow for accumulation of stagnate water to attract mosquitoes and insects that spread disease and serve as a water source for rodents and mold
- 10 TRASH AND MISPLACED GARBAGE**  
may encourage animals and others to dump waste and refuse on your property. Please use or request City provided bin
- 11 FURNITURE & SALVAGED MATERIAL**  
indoor furniture left outside may provide a home for rats or unwanted animals and will hold moisture resulting in accumulation of mold/mildew
- 12 PARKING ON UNPAVED SURFACES**  
damages lawns and detracts from the neighborhood appeal visually
- 13 INOPERABLE VEHICLES**  
attractive home for rodents and can be a hazard for small children
- ! MATURE TREES CAN BE ONE OF THE MOST NEGLECTED AREAS ON A PROPERTY AND ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RESIDENT**



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Department of Planning  
Engineering & Permits



# UTILIZE THIS CHECKLIST TO KEEP YOUR PROPERTY IN TIPTOP SHAPE AND INCREASE IT'S VALUE

## TOP PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

- Ensure the exterior condition is clean, safe and sanitary
- Remove tree limbs and debris from gutters
- Cut and bundle tree limbs for pick up
- Divert water runoff away from house foundation
- Periodically check foundation for cracks or water intrusion
- Clear area around exhaust vents & air ducts
- Maintain alley/sidewalk as an extension of property
- Ensure windows are not sealed shut and are operable
- Correct peeling paint
- Ensure gas burning appliances have shutoff valves and keep areas around them clear
- Examine plumbing fixtures for leaks
- Change AC/furnace filters every three months
- Inspect furnace annually for gas leaks or cracks
- Ensure water heater discharge pipe is not clogged and drains
- Install smoke detectors on every floor and outside each bedroom and check batteries
- Check for and repair exposed or faulty wiring
- Ensure working fire extinguishers are annually checked and charged



## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT	205-254-2061
PUBLIC WORKS	205-254-6316
POLICE (NON EMERGENCY)	205-244-1700
FIRE DEPARTMENT (PIO)	205-250-7540
BWWB	205-244-4000
SPIRE	1-800-292-4008
AL POWER	1-800-245-2244
ZONING	205-254-2478
HOUSING	205-297-8043
CONDEMNATION	205-254-2422
FLOOD HAZARD	205-254-7755
STORMWATER	205-254-7771
CRITICAL REPAIR	205-254-2309



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