



IPMC Self-Inspection Checklist

Grounds (Owners and Tenants)

Do you have:

- Grass or weeds over 12 inches tall?
- Trash, debris, garbage, or junk?
- Inoperable, unlicensed, or partially dismantled vehicles?
- Areas of the yard cluttered with items that you hate to throw away because you may use them someday? Items like old lumber, scrap metal, aluminum cans, appliances, car parts, tires, etc.
- Rat burrows on the property? Are trash bags and dog food being stored anywhere other than in a trash can with a lid, or similar rat-proof container?
- Tree limbs or branches on the ground?
- Pools of stagnant water in the yard, or in barrels?

House or Building, Exterior (Owners)

Do you have:

- Sagging roof, missing, damaged, or deteriorated shingles, or holes in the roof? Check the eaves, fascia, and soffit for missing, damaged or rotten boards.
- Cracks or holes in the building foundation? Patch them to keep weather and varmints out. Seek expert advice if major settling has occurred.
- Walls with rotted wood? Broken, loose, or missing siding? Cracks or holes in walls? Cracks in mortar? Check your chimney as well.
- Walls with cracked, blistered, or peeling paint?
- Gutters that sag, leak, have sections missing or disconnected, or are rusty and in need of painting?
- Windows that have broken panes, or torn or missing screens? Windows that do not fit well within the frame, have rotted frames, or have cracked, blistered, or peeling paint on the frame and trim? Windows that do not open or lock?
- Doors that do not fit well within the frame, have rotted wood, cracked, blistered, or peeling paint, or do not open and close properly?
- Porches with missing boards or railings or torn screens? Porches that have deteriorated columns or are otherwise not supported properly, that sag excessively, or have cracked, blistered, or peeling paint?
- Walls with rotted wood, broken, loose or missing siding, cracks or holes in stucco, cracks in mortar, or cracked, blistered, or peeling paint? Check your chimney as well.
- Stairs to porches that sag or are unstable, have missing steps or sections, loose or missing handrails? If you have to walk up at least four steps to reach the porch, you need a handrail. Stairs with cracked, blistered, or peeling paint?
- Garages, sheds, or other detached buildings that lean or have any of the conditions listed above?
- Fences and retaining walls that lean, have parts missing, are loose or unstable, need paint, or have cracks that need patching?
- Sidewalks with trip hazards, or driveways that are not constructed with an all-weather surface? (Sealing cracks will extend the life of sidewalks and driveways and delay more costly repairs.)

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please address the items.

If you have questions, please contact the Neighborhood Inspections Division at 803-329-7014.