

Property Self-Assessment Walk Checklist

Walk your own property the way an entomologist would: where pests get in, where they would live, and what is feeding them.

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How to use this document

Walk the property with a phone camera and this sheet. Mark each line OK, Fix (with a note and photo), or N/A. Every Fix is a building condition to assign and track until it is closed. The walk finds conditions; it is not a pest inspection of occupied units and it does not replace one.

Trash and recycling enclosures

- ☐ Dumpsters and carts have lids that close, and lids are closed

Note:

- ☐ Containers are not overflowing; no bags on the ground

Note:

- ☐ Dumpsters sit away from building doors, vents and windows [NOTE DISTANCE]

Note:

- ☐ Enclosure pad is sound and drains; no standing liquid or food debris

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- ☐ Enclosure gate and walls have no gaps rodents can use for cover

Note:

- ☐ Bulk-item and furniture drop area is controlled (discarded mattresses and couches can carry bed bugs to the next resident)

Note:

- ☐ Signs of rodents: burrows, droppings, gnawing, rub marks

Note:

Building exterior

- ☐ Exterior doors close fully; door sweeps and thresholds leave no daylight

Note:

- ☐ Gaps around pipes, conduits, cable and hose bibs are sealed (young house mice can pass through openings about 1/4 inch, or 6 mm, wide)

Note:

- ☐ Dryer and bath vents have working dampers or screens

Note:

- ☐ Crawl space and foundation vents are screened and intact

Note:

- ☐ Weep holes, siding joints and soffits have no openings into wall voids

Note:

- ☐ Vegetation, mulch and ivy are kept back from the foundation

Note:

- ☐ Downspouts and irrigation do not leave standing water against the building

Note:

- ☐ Exterior lights near doors: note fixtures that draw insects to entrances

Note:

- ☐ Bird nesting on ledges, signs or light fixtures; bat staining at roofline or vents (identify before acting; wildlife law may apply)

Note:

- ☐ Exterior rodent stations (if present) are secured, labeled and on the device map

Note:

Common areas

- ☐ Laundry room: lint, spilled detergent, standing water, gaps behind machines

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- ☐ Community room and kitchen: food storage sealed, no grease buildup, under-sink area dry and sealed

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- ☐ Hallways: no stored furniture, carpets and baseboards intact

Note:

- ☐ Mail room and package room: no food left out; packages not stored long on the floor

Note:

- ☐ Fitness and pool areas: drains clean, no standing water

Note:

- ☐ Office: snacks sealed; reports of pests logged with a date

Note:

Mechanical, boiler and storage rooms

- ☐ Penetrations through walls and floors are sealed

Note:

- ☐ No clutter, cardboard or stored food

Note:

- ☐ No leaks, condensation pooling or wet insulation

Note:

- ☐ Floor drains have covers and traps that hold water

Note:

Units at turnover (empty)

- ☐ Behind and under the stove, refrigerator and dishwasher: droppings, egg cases, live or dead insects

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- ☐ Under sinks: gaps around supply and drain lines; escutcheon plates in place

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- ☐ Bathroom: gaps behind toilet and tub; exhaust fan works

Note:

- ☐ Bedroom: baseboards, carpet edges, outlet covers and closet shelving checked for bed bug evidence

Note:

- ☐ Window screens intact; door sweep on the entry door

Note:

- ☐ Any finding is reported to the pest provider and closed before re-rental

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