

EXTERIOR HOME MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

Roof	Check for leaks. Check for damaged, loose or missing shingles. Check vents & louvers for birds, nests, squirrels & insects. Check flashing around the roof stacks, vents & skylights for leaks. Check for algae. Repair or replace as needed.
Chimney	Clean and check for deteriorating siding, missing siding, paint chips/fading. Check for leaks. Check the chase cover; is it rusted or needs replaced? Check for birds, nests, squirrels, and insects. Check for algae. Repair, replace or repaint as needed.
Gutters, Downspouts & Faucets	Clean debris, vegetation, leaves and dirt. Check for leaks, misalignment, or damage. Check for proper drainage. Check for algae. Repair, replace or repaint as needed. Insulate faucets in winter to keep pipes from freezing.
Exterior Surfaces (doors, door and window frames, porches, trim, balconies, decks and fences,)	Check siding (wood, brick & vinyl) for damage, loose, missing or rot. Check painted surfaces for flaking, chipping, peeling or fading. Remove dirt, mildew, algae, mold, rust stains, corrosion or oxidation from exterior surfaces by power washing. Check fencing for broken, loose, rotted, missing or deteriorating. Repair, replace or repaint as needed.
Landscaping	Trim shrubbery around home, walls, fences, sidewalks. Remove tree limbs, branches or debris. Trees, hedges, or shrubs which restrict sight lines for vehicular traffic must be cut back or removed in accordance with the City of Virginia Beach Zoning Codes. Grass can not be more than 10 inches tall. Check for proper drainage. Replace rotted landscape timbers.
Driveway, Walk Ways & Curb	Remove grass and weeds from cracks. Seal cracks and check for deterioration. Reseal or repair if necessary. Any raised or uneven areas must be repaired. Power wash driveway to remove oil stains. Keep curb & street free of weeds, grass, debris. Remove any obstruction from street & curb to ensure rainwater can flow into drains to prevent flooding.
Foundation	Inspect visible areas, vents and ducts for cracks, leaks and blockages. Make repairs as needed.
House Numbers & Trash Can Numbers	Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with the background colors of the home. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm). color as to not blend in with the color of the container. Trash can numbers must be visible when in use as demarcations at the house numbers.
Doors & Windows	Check for any rips, holes, brittle, missing or damage to the screens. Check frames for any fading, peeling or chipping of paint. Check windows for cracks & fogging. Check seals on windows & doors, if air flows through replace seals. Repair, replace or repaint as needed.
Dyer Vent & Stove Vent	All vents are in working order. Check for rust, chipped or peeling paint. Repair, replace or repaint as needed.
Exterior Lights	Make sure they are in working order, free of insects & webs and kept in good repair. Repair, replace or repaint as needed.
Mailbox	Check lid cover & box. Keep clean and free of ants, webs & insects. Check to see if there is any damage or rotted wood on box or post rotted or damaged. Make sure it is in good repair. Clean, repair, replace or repaint as needed.