

Perimeter Inspection Survey Checklist

Area	Look at Problems	Pests Likely	Solutions & Comments	Findings (record)
Overall site & structure	Exposure, elevation, structure color, surface types, vegetation	Flies, bees attracted to yellows, breeding sources nearby?	Inform customer of features attracting pests	
Roof (may need ladder, binoculars, moisture meter)	Shingles missing, curled, pest harborage or moisture problems	Wasps, hornets, ants	Recommend repair; treat harborage areas	
	Flatness; sight along edge or from different vantage points	Dips & sways may indicate rot & moisture problems, wood destroying insects	Inspect attics for leaks & damage, recommend repair	
	Gutters clogged, breaks and leaks, improper or missing drip cap	Harborage, wood damage, moisture problems at ground, wood destroying insects	Clean, repair	
Trees, bushes, hedges & ornamentals near structure	Limbs touching walls or overhanging roof, fruit, flowers, plants harboring honeydew producers	May support insects such as aphids or their prey, provide route for ants and other invaders, mites from bird nests, flowers attracting bees	Trim, cut back, move, treat	
Outside wall surface	Peeling paint, grout missing between bricks, siding or shingles in poor condition	Entry for wasps and other pests	Recommend repairs, treat harborage areas	
Eaves & overhangs	Vents & gaps may provide access	Key spider areas	Screen, repair, remove webbing & debris, treat	
Vents, louvers, air conditioners	Inspect with flashlight, power turned off	Wasp nests, moisture sources for various insects	Do not treat when a/c units are running	
Flashing	Leaks and access	Ants and other insects	Seal around areas	
Windows, doors	Look for cracks, breaks in screens, poor seals closed	Crawling and flying pests gain entrance	Caulk, seal, to eliminate pest attack and moisture damage	
Ground level; foundation	Cracks, shingles or stucco at ground level	Access for insects, rodent pests	Sealing cracks prevents pest invasion, cut back stucco or shingles	
Basement window wells	Look for rust on retaining walls, excessive moisture	Harborage, entry point, termites on wooden sills	Repair, replace, treat areas	
Wood to ground contact	Rot, space beneath	Harborage, route for access to interior	Eliminate where possible or treat wood in place	
Drains	Check for cover and condition	Standing water may support flies & mosquitoes, open drains as entry points for insects, rodents	May need scrubbing and sanitizing, new covers installed	

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Ground cover around foundation	Look for weeds, dead grass, excessive mulch layers, leaves, moss indicating moisture problems	Food and harborage for many insect pests, rodent harborage	Remove debris, reduce mulch cover, clear ground cover back away from foundation	
Edging & borders	Wooden materials may rot	Rotten wood attracts ants, termites	Repair, replace, treat	
Yard	Maintenance, height, fertilizer	Higher grass may offer more harborage, too much fertilizer can favor clover mites	Recommend proper mowing height	
Grade around structure	Look for poor grade	Keeps moisture near foundation	Slope grade away from structure	
Irrigation system	Position of spray heads	May be hitting house, evening watering keeps areas moist at night	Adjust, recommend watering in morning	
Exterior lighting	Proximity to structure and doors/windows, type and orientation	May attract insects, spiders attracted to flying insects	Change to yellow bulbs or sodium vapor lights, move spotlights away from house	
Insect signs	Sawdust from ants, spiderwebs, insect frass & debris, living insects	Determine if infestation is old or active; find sources and harborage	Record findings, use in determining treatment necessary	
Firewood, lumber, other stored items	If near structure provide harborage	May support ants, spiders, other insects	Do not treat firewood with insecticides; move	
Trash collection area	Are containers sealed, have liners, spillage?	Focal point for flies, roaches	Review proper trash maintenance	
Barbecue grills	Closed areas attract insects, food debris attracts	May harbor or attract spiders and wasps, ants	Recommend cleaning	
Garages, outdoor storage sheds, playhouses	Stored items may harbor or attract pests (pet food, cardboard, etc.)	Ants, crickets, other insects	Correct conditions or make recommendations treat as needed	
Ponds, Pools, birdbaths	Standing water, algae	Can support mosquitoes, attract flying insects	Recommend cleaning or filtration, algacide; do not treat	
Pet areas, housing & runs; bird feeders	Check pet food, bedding, tall grass/weeds	Can attract flies, harbor fleas, pet food can support insects & rodents	Make recommendations to customers.	

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