

Preventative Maintenance Checklist

A Guide to Proactive Asset Management

Preventative Maintenance Programs

Historically, short-term rental managers have taken a reactive approach to property maintenance — making repairs only when items are reported instead of preventing maintenance issues in the first place. But as the scope of work continues to increase with higher client expectations, operators have started more proactively managing assets to deliver higher quality rentals and memorable guest experiences.

There are many benefits of preventative maintenance programs. In addition to showcasing value to owners, and safeguarding against "surprise" and costly repairs, smart inspection programs help organize property data into an interconnected web of information. This actionable data can serve multiple purposes across the company, and is the real trick to unlocking the full value of property management services.

Based on a review of thousands of preventative maintenance checklists from leading managers on Breezeway's platform, we've compiled this guide for proactive asset management. For more detailed guidance on recurring inspections and preventative maintenance, please contact us.



Property Interior

21 Requirements

- Schedule recurring pest control treatment	
- Ensure all lights are functioning correctly	
- Check that there are spare bulbs at the property	
- Ensure all windows easily open and close	
- Check that there are screens in every window	
- Verify the condition of the screens	
- Make sure all windows lock	
- Check the temperature of the hot water heater	
- Take a photo of the thermometer	
- Check for leaks	
- Check that the thermostat is working	
- Take a photo of the temperature	
- Note when the batteries were last replaced	
- Confirm that the A/C is working	
- Clean/replace the filter if necessary	
- Confirm the furnace is working	

- Report any necessary paint touch-ups	
- Check for signs of water damage in ceiling	
- Confirm sump pump is functioning correctly	
- Replace the batteries and test the following:	
- Smoke detectors	
- Carbon monoxide detectors	
- Is the device hard-wired?	
- Confirm that test has been run in the last month	
- Confirm device has been replaced in the last 10 years	
- Ensure the gauge on the fire extinguisher shows adequate pressure	
- Check that the fire extinguisher is less than 12 years old (if not, replace)	
- Confirm all sinks are draining correctly	
- Check for leaks	
- Check the temperature of the water	
- Inspect for caulking deterioration	
- Ensure all toilets flush without issue	
- Confirm the kitchen appliances are functioning correctly	

- Do the handles easily open without issue?	
- Test garbage disposal	
- Inspect shower and tub for caulking deterioration	
- Ensure the tub drains without issue	
- Check that the dryer vents are clean	
Property Exterior	10 Requirements
- Verify that the septic system has been inspected	
- Pump if necessary	
- Ensure all lights are functioning correctly	
- Check that there are spare bulbs at the property	
- What is the condition of the siding?	
- Is the front door in good condition?	
- Complete paint touch-ups where necessary	
- Check for any rot	
- Is the smart lock in good condition?	

- Check for water build-up and leaks

- Inspect the foundation for any damage	
- Inspect the driveway for cracks or potholes	
- Confirm the garage door is functioning correctly	
- Check the roof for damage	
- Are there any loose/missing shingles?	
- Check the gutters for debris/leaves/nests	
- Inspect the deck	
- Check for any cracked wood or missing/loose nails and boards	
- Does it need to be pressure washed?	
- Test that railings are secure and not wobbly	
- Turn sprinklers on	
- Check for clogs/weak water pressure	
- Replace leaky valves as necessary	
- Check timers	

About Breezeway

Breezeway's property operations platform helps coordinate, communicate, and verify detailed work at properties, and deliver the best service experience. Breezeway's software and mobile apps have facilitated over 5M property tasks across 100+ million square feet, and help hundreds of short-term rental operators and hospitality professionals meet detailed service standards.

Combining deep learning technology, robust property data, smart messaging, and mobile-first task management, Breezeway is bringing service optimization to the property management space. Created by the founder of FlipKey (acquired by TripAdvisor), the Breezeway team is building the future of property care and service.