

Commercial Roof Inspection Checklist

The following are the primary things to look for when inspecting your roof.

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1	Dirt and debris on roof or in drains/gutters	Clear debris with a leaf blower or power washer.
2	Visible weather or impact damage	Document damage with photos and/or video. Contact a roofing professional.
3	Pooling water (ponding) or water stains	Clear any obstructions from drains. Contact a roofing professional if ponding still remains longer than 48 hours.
4	Flashing	Note damaged or improperly installed sections. Contact a roofing professional.
5	Penetrations, skylights, and vents	Note damages in the seal around the protrusion. Contact a roofing professional.
6	Equipment anchoring	Correct any loosening or damaged anchors.
7	Vegetation growth	Remove vegetation and note any damages. Contact a roofing professional if roof damage.
8	Mold and mildew growth	Remove and treat to prevent regrowth.
9	Signs of vandalism	Document damages and report to authorities. Contact a roofing professional as required.
10	Color fading or chalking	Call a roofing professional to evaluate the roof.
11	Alligatoring or shrinkage	Call a roofing professional for repairs.
12	Damaged seams or seals	Call a roofing professional for repairs.
13	Animal infestation or damage	Call animal control then a roofing professional for repairs as required.
14	Sagging or blistering	Call a roofing professional for repairs.
15	Corrosion of metal components	Call a roofing professional for repairs.
16	Damage from foot traffic	Limit foot traffic and contact a roofing professional for repairs.
17	Firmness/stability	This may indicate a failing deck/support system. Have a roofing professional inspect.
18	Downspouts	Clean or replace if clogged or damaged.
19	Signs of leaks on external walls	Inspect the edges of the roof. Contact roofing professional.
20	Signs of leaks on internal walls and/or ceiling	These indicate the general area of a problem in the roofing system. Contact roofing professional.

Note 1: The notes you take from multiple roof inspections should be shared with your roofing professional. Your notes may provide valuable insight into the issues you are experiencing.

Note 2: Repairing damages on your own may void the warranties covering both workmanship and materials. You can avoid such problems by contacting a roofing professional or purchasing a commercial roofing maintenance program from a trusted commercial roofing company.

Note 3: A roofing professional can be either a certified roof inspector or a licensed roofing contractor certified by the manufacturer of your roof. A certified roof inspecton can provide an independent assessment and report with recommendations and budget estimate for repairs that is free of a conflict of interest.