



Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance (DCC) Property Maintenance



What is Property Maintenance?

Property maintenance refers to the general upkeep of structures to keep them safe for occupants. The Virginia Property Maintenance Code (VPMC) requires that both interior and exterior parts of buildings are properly maintained - including doors, windows, siding, roofing, plumbing, electrical, heating, and ventilation systems.

Why do we have these rules?

Standards exist to promote clean, safe, and attractive neighborhoods throughout Fairfax County. The VPMC is a minimum standard to help prevent unsafe living conditions and ensures structures remain structurally sound. DCC prioritizes life safety issues when conducting inspections - protecting residents, visitors, and businesses in our community.



What common maintenance items should I look for?

Preventing deterioration, maintaining roofs and flashing, ensuring walls are free from holes and loose materials, and keeping doors, windows, stairways, decks, and porches in good repair. Peeling or flaking paint must be eliminated and surfaces repainted. Smoke detectors must be working. Interior spaces must be kept in a sanitary condition and free of excessive clutter that blocks windows and exits. Plumbing and mechanical systems such as heating and air conditioning must be maintained if provided. Other rules may apply to rental properties.

Contact Us



We are here to help - if you have questions, want to make a report, or if you are the subject of enforcement and need to contact us. You can report problems online, reach us via email (codecompliance@fairfaxcounty.gov), phone (703-324-1300 / TTY 711), or visit us in person.

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This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published 2025) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.