

GROUNDS:

The ground should be properly graded to direct the flow of rainwater away from the building and from the lot to prevent standing water. The property should always be checked after a heavy rain to see if it drains properly.

a. Driveways and Sidewalks: Check for:

- 1) Safety hazards (heaves and depressions)
- 2) Cracks on and deterioration of paved material
- 3) Damages to and curb clearances
- 4) Oil stains and pools of water

b. Storm Drains: Check for proper drainage and/or clogging of drain line.

c. Retaining Wall: Check for:

- 1) Cracks, spalling from sub florescence and freezing
- 2) Leaning and Bulges
- 3) Loose, crumbling, and missing mortar joints

Landscape: Check all landscape features eg. Trees, Bushes for diseased or dead parts. Check if:

- 1) Trees overhang or touch building which cause damage or trash build-up
- 2) Creepers and vines are causing damage (paint peeling, joint deterioration etc.)
- 3) Plants holding water against structure
- 4) Tree roots damaging structure
- 5) Bare spots show in lawn and /or shrubs need pruning