

GOT WATER?



Water is the natural enemy of our buildings. And during the spring, when we experience heavy rains, our older homes are especially vulnerable. If not caught in time, water infiltration can lead to costly repairs and unhealthy living conditions in our homes. It is important not just to address the symptoms, but to get to the source of the moisture problems.

To help spot problem areas early, check out these **8 Common Areas** that homeowners should monitor.

Further questions? Call or email the Columbus Landmarks Home Preservation Program: 614-221-4508 / skeeney@columbuslandmarks.org

1. Roof – Check for holes or breaks in the surface & loose, deteriorated roof materials



Poor Replacement/Repair



Deteriorated, Loose & Missing Shingles

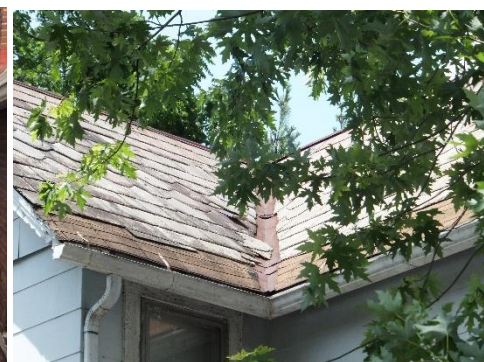
2. Flashing – Check for deteriorated or missing flashing at critical areas such as valleys, chimneys



Damaged Chimney Flashing



No Flashing at Roof Eaves



Damaged Valley Flashing

3. Gutters & Downspouts – Notice any damaged, separated or missing gutters & downspouts



Stopped-up, Clogged Gutters



Broken Gutter Connections



Separated Downspout

4. Cracks – Check for gaps and opening in exterior brick walls; note large diagonal cracks



Poor Tuckpointing & Missing Mortar Joints



Cracked Lintel



Diagonal Crack in Exterior Masonry Wall

5. Paint – Check surface of exterior painted wood for peeling paint that can let in moisture



Exposed & Deteriorated Wood Door



Deteriorated Paint on Siding & Windows; Soffits with Wood Rot

6. Windows and Doors – Check for deterioration in window frames and sills; note poorly fitted storm windows & doors



Moisture Damage, Basement Window Well



Poorly Fitted Storm Door



Deteriorated Storm Window

7. Plantings - Check to make sure vines and shrubs are not contacting walls & foundations



Vines Growing Up Columns & Siding



Vines Anchored to Brick Wall & Mortar Joints

8. Soil & Paved Walks – Make sure grades are sloped to carry water away from foundation



Sidewalk Sloped Toward Foundation



Slope Soil Away from Foundations – 6 in. in 1st 10 ft.

For more information: <https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/39-control-unwanted-moisture.htm>