

Exterior Building Maintenance

Gwinnett County has adopted ordinances (regulations) to help protect neighborhood character, health, safety, and property values. Poorly maintained buildings can impact the safety and visual attractiveness of our community, by:

- Creating the perception that the area is not well-cared for by businesses and residents, which tends to contribute to a decrease in property values and an increase in crime
- Allowing rainwater to seep into cracks and holes, which can weaken the building's structure and make it unsafe
- Collapsing and hurting people and animals, or damaging property

Plan of Action:

Maintain the exterior of your building in good repair to prevent deterioration:

- Exterior Paint: Remove flaking exterior paint and repaint
- Siding: Make sure it is weather resistant and weather tight
- Shutters, exterior light fixtures, and other decorative features: Maintain in good repair and safe condition
- Roof: Ensure it is structurally sound and does not allow rain or dampness into your building
- Gutters: Clean out vegetation and keep them repaired
- Exterior stairway, deck, porch, or balcony: Ensure it is structurally sound, properly anchored / attached, and capable of supporting the weight placed upon it
- Exterior doors and frames, including garage door: Make sure door fits properly in frame, is properly attached, and has working hardware
- Windows: Maintain weather tight with no cracks or open holes, and with screens securely attached and in good repair
- Exterior and Foundation Walls: Keep them free from cracks, breaks, holes, and without rotting or loose materials

What does the ordinance say about exterior building maintenance?

Refer to Property Maintenance Ordinance, Chapter 14, Article VII, Division 3, Sections 318-348.

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Resources

Gwinnett Habitat for Humanity – A Brush With Kindness: A program that provides exterior and interior needed residential home repairs for low to moderate income Gwinnett County homeowners who are unable to complete them on their own due to age, finances, or disability. The focus is on projects that will keep a home safe, dry, accessible, and compliant. They will consider exterior building maintenance projects including exterior painting, gutter repairs, and minor carpentry repairs.

To qualify for assistance, a homeowner must:

- Apply for the program by calling 770-931-8080 or emailing rstreat@habitatgwinnett.org
- Meet income guidelines
- Be able to pay project costs with low monthly payments
- Possess or be willing to acquire current homeowner's insurance
- Have owned and occupied the home for more than 1 year
- Be willing to partner with Gwinnett Habitat to volunteer in a cooperative effort (called sweat equity)

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