

Home Maintenance Checklist

What to look for outside your home

Print out this checklist and make a record of any potential issues around your home.

If you tick any of these boxes, we'd advise you to seek the opinion of a professional who can advise you on the best course of action.

Roof

- Are there any cracks in the tiles?
- Have any of the tiles moved or slipped?
- Is there corrosion in the nails that are holding the tiles in place?

Guttering

- Is there an overflow of water coming from the gutters?
- Are there signs of rot in the woodwork below the gutters?
- Do any of the gutters appear to be damaged or split?

Japanese Knotweed

- Are there signs of Japanese Knotweed in your garden?
- Are there signs of Japanese Knotweed in your neighbours' gardens?

Flat Roof

- Is there any standing water on the roof?
- Are there signs of lifting, cracking or vegetation growth?
- Have you noticed any damp patches on the ceiling underneath?

Drains

- Are there leaves or other debris blocking the drainpipes?
- Is there any overflowing water coming from the drains?
- Is there a damp, unpleasant smell coming from the drains?

Chimney

- Are there any damp patches in the rooms below the chimney?
- Is the chimney leaning?

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