



# COMMERCIAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR SEASONAL PESTS

A PROACTIVE GUIDE FOR PROPERTY MANAGERS & BUSINESS OWNERS



Commercial properties face a different level of pest pressure than residential homes. Higher foot traffic, multiple entry points, shared walls, waste handling, and rooftop equipment all increase the risk of pest and wildlife activity, especially in Minnesota's climate. This guidebook outlines a seasonal maintenance plan tailored to commercial properties, including office buildings, retail spaces, warehouses, multifamily complexes, restaurants, and industrial facilities. The goal is simple: prevent problems before they disrupt operations, tenants, or customers.

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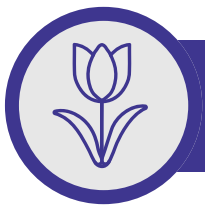
## Why Seasonal Pest Planning Is Critical for Commercial Properties

In commercial settings, pest issues are more than an inconvenience—they're a liability. A proactive maintenance plan helps:

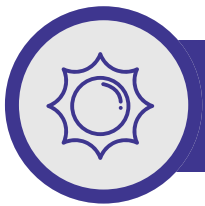
- Protect tenant satisfaction and retention
- Reduce health and safety risks
- Maintain compliance with local and state regulations
- Prevent costly structural and inventory damage
- Avoid emergency service calls and downtime

Seasonal planning allows property teams to stay ahead of predictable pest behavior.

# Common Commercial Pest Pressures by Season (Minnesota)



Spring: Ants, flies, birds, and emerging rodents



Summer: Mosquitoes, flies, stinging insects



Fall: Mice, rats, squirrels, raccoons, cluster flies, boxelder bugs, stink bugs, asian lady beetles



Winter: Rodents, attic wildlife, overwintering insects

**Tip:** Cockroaches are active year-round and pose health and liability risks in commercial spaces. Regular inspections are recommended.



## **Spring Maintenance Plan: Inspect, Repair, Prepare**

Spring is the ideal time to address vulnerabilities exposed by winter.

### **Building Exterior**

- Inspect foundations, loading docks, and service doors
- Seal cracks, expansion joints, and utility penetrations
- Repair damaged siding, brick, or stucco
- Replace worn door sweeps and weatherstripping

### **Roof & Drainage**

- Inspect rooflines, parapet walls, and penetrations
- Clear rooftop drains and scuppers
- Address ponding water and membrane damage

### **Landscaping & Grounds**

- Trim vegetation away from buildings
- Remove debris near foundations
- Ensure proper grading away from structures

### **Why it matters**

Early spring repairs prevent pests from establishing themselves during peak seasons.



## **Summer Maintenance Plan: Control, Sanitation, Monitor**

Summer brings high insect activity and increased sanitation challenges.

### **Waste & Sanitation**

- Enforce regular dumpster cleaning schedules
- Keep lids closed and containers undamaged
- Relocate dumpsters away from building entrances when possible

### **Interior Monitoring**

- Inspect common areas, kitchens, and break rooms
- Monitor floor drains and utility rooms
- Address moisture and condensation issues promptly

### **Exterior Monitoring**

- Watch for wasp and bird nesting activity
- Inspect dock doors and delivery areas
- Monitor high-traffic entry points

### **Why it matters**

Summer pests thrive on food, moisture, and access.



## **Fall Maintenance Plan:** **Exclusion, Reinforcement, Prevention**

Fall is the most critical season for commercial pest prevention.

### **Rodent & Wildlife Exclusion**

- Seal gaps as small as 1/4 inch around foundations
- Reinforce vents, louvers, and roof openings
- Inspect loading docks and bay doors
- Repair damaged soffits, fascia, and parapets

### **Interior Preparation**

- Reduce clutter in storage and mechanical rooms
- Inspect drop ceilings and wall voids
- Secure stored products and materials

### **Grounds Maintenance**

- Remove fallen leaves and organic buildup
- Trim trees away from buildings and roofs

### **Why it matters**

Once pests enter commercial buildings, removal becomes more disruptive and expensive.



## **Winter Maintenance Plan:** **Monitor, Maintain, Respond**

Even during winter, pest activity continues indoors.

### **Interior Inspections**

- Monitor for rodent activity in mechanical rooms and basements
- Inspect ceiling voids and utility chases
- Watch for tenant-reported sightings

### **Structural Integrity**

- Inspect door seals and overhead doors
- Address ice dam-related vulnerabilities
- Monitor attic and roof insulation areas

### **Ongoing Prevention**

- Maintain sanitation standards
- Respond quickly to early warning signs

### **Why it matters**

Winter infestations often go unnoticed until damage escalates.



## Common Commercial Maintenance Mistakes

- Treating pest control as a reactive service
- Overlooking rooflines and loading docks
- Inconsistent sanitation enforcement across tenants
- Temporary fixes instead of permanent exclusion

Effective prevention requires coordination across maintenance, tenants, and vendors.



## When to Involve a Professional Pest & Wildlife Partner

Professional support is recommended when:

- Multiple tenants report recurring pest activity
- Wildlife access points are suspected in rooflines or walls
- Regulatory compliance is a concern
- Pest issues impact business operations

Abra Kadabra provides commercial-grade inspections, exclusion, and prevention plans tailored to each property.



## Abra Kadabra's Commercial Maintenance Approach

Our commercial programs are built on:

- Routine inspections aligned with seasonal risks
- Detailed reporting for property managers
- Humane wildlife control and permanent exclusion
- Collaboration with maintenance and facilities teams
- Long-term protection, not short-term treatments

We help commercial properties stay compliant, protected, and pest-free.

### In Conclusion

A commercial property maintenance plan isn't complete without pest and wildlife prevention built in. Seasonal planning protects your investment, your tenants, and your reputation. If your property needs a proactive, inspection-driven approach, Abra Kadabra is ready to partner with you. Commercial-focused. Minnesota-tested. Prevention-driven.



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