

KC Homeowner's Gutter Inspection Checklist

Walk your house twice a year. Check the boxes. Call us if any are concerning.

From the ground (5 minutes)

- Look for visible mid-run sag in any gutter section
- Check for separated miters or gaps at corners
- Look for water staining on fascia BELOW the gutter line
- Check that splash blocks are at every downspout terminus
- Note any downspouts that look loose, dented, or disconnected
- Scan for plants growing OUT of the gutter (common silver maple seed sprouts)

From a ladder — spring (15 minutes)

- Verify no leaf debris remaining from last fall
- Check that all hangers feel firm (push hard on each)
- Look for any spike-and-ferrule nails working out (visible nail heads above gutter)
- Check inside corners for sealant cracks at miters
- Verify drip edge is tucked behind the gutter back lip (not in front)
- Confirm downspout strap fasteners are tight

From a ladder — fall (15 minutes)

- Remove all leaf debris (or schedule a cleaning)
- Hose-test every gutter section — water should drain fully, no pooling
- Verify every downspout discharges 5+ feet from foundation
- Check that buried discharge lines aren't clogged at the pop-up emitter
- Photo any new damage for insurance baseline (saves you in storm season)

After any major storm

- Photo every elevation from 15-20 feet back BEFORE inspecting closely
- Walk perimeter. Note any new dents, separations, or fascia stains
- If hail was 1 inch or larger (per NWS), call for independent inspection within 7-14 days

- If anything is missing or hanging loose, treat as urgent

Red flags that warrant a contractor call

- Gutter pulling away from house anywhere visible from ground
- Water stains on siding BELOW gutter line (water is going behind the gutter)
- Sticking doors/windows + foundation cracks (gutter water at foundation)
- Basement seepage during heavy rain
- Gutters older than 25 years on spike-and-ferrule hangers (end of life)

Free professional inspection

Premier Gutters KC inspects free within 24-48 hours of your call. We give you a written scope (NOT a high-pressure pitch) so you can make an informed decision. Call **(816) 469-9563** or visit **premiergutterskc.com**.

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