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# A Complete Guide to Proactive Facilities Portfolio Management





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## Why Proactive Facilities Management Is the Key to Long-Term Success

When it comes to facilities portfolio management, responding to issues as they arise is rarely adequate.

This is why proactive facilities portfolio management is critical. It's important to have strategies and practices that enable organizations to stay ahead of the maintenance needs of their portfolio and mitigate potential hiccups.

This whitepaper will review everything that goes into proactive facilities portfolio management, including routine assessments, automation, and portfolio risk mitigation strategies. These elements can help keep your portfolio management processes streamlined and secure.





# The Importance of Routine Property Assessments and Inspections

Often initiated by facility and property managers, routine assessments are systematic evaluations performed on real property portfolios. These assessments ensure continued maintenance, upkeep, and adherence to set standards while pointing out repair, replacement, health, or maintenance issues.

While these inspections are generally periodic, determining their exact frequency relies heavily on the property type, mutual agreements with tenants, industry standards, and governing policy. The scope of these inspections can be high-level and cover a facility's overall condition, or it can be very detailed to include individual components of the facility.

What's more, in the digital age, the methodology of inspections has undergone a radical transformation. No longer reliant on just the human eye or manual checks, inspections have greater precision, depth, and real-time responsiveness thanks to new technologies, including:



**Mobile devices:** These provide support for consistent data collection, barcode scanning, photo capture with data, location geo coordinates, and text scanning.



**Connected Devices:** Sensors and automated systems provide invaluable real-time data on building systems, offering deeper and more frequent insights.



**Drones:** Offering a bird's eye view, drones facilitate inspections of hard-to-reach areas, offering high-resolution imagery and real-time video assessments.



**Camera Technologies:** 3D mapping and thermal imaging provide unparalleled depth to inspection processes and the ability to review results after field inspection is complete.



**AI and Machine Learning:** These innovative technologies can help predict trends, making inspections more proactive and the decision-making processes more informed by indicating to users what's likely to change.

With these tools, inspections offer a comprehensive and detailed view of real property, making facilities portfolio management more efficient, effective, and proactive overall.





# The Benefits of Regular Real Property Inspections

Routine property inspections are more than just periodic assessments; they're the pulse-check of a facility's health and longevity. Besides providing the data needed to maintain the optimum condition and value of real property, they also forge stronger relationships between stakeholders, ensuring that properties remain safe, compliant, and consistent in meeting organizational expectations and missions.

Here are some of the specific advantages these inspections confer on property owners, managers, and tenants:

- **Early Issue Detection and Resolution:** Spotting potential problems early permits timely interventions that keep minor issues from growing into significant challenges.
- **Cost Savings and Improved Budget Planning:** Timely interventions can save hefty repair or replacement bills in the long run. Knowing about the property's state also allows for better future financial planning.
- **Enhanced Safety and Compliance:** Regular checks ensure that the property aligns with safety and local regulatory standards, shielding tenants and landlords from potential legal ramifications.

- **Tenant and Stakeholder Satisfaction:** Regular inspections bridge the communication gap between landlords and tenants. They ensure tenant concerns are met, promoting trust and satisfaction.

Routine inspections invariably bring common facility issues to light. These include wear and tear, outdated infrastructure, and even safety concerns. Real-life case studies further spotlight the utility of these inspections, illustrating instances where proactive checks led to significant long-term benefits and savings.

Ultimately, these inspections are the backbone of proactive facilities portfolio management. They are the first defense against unforeseen issues and the surest way to preserve the condition of the property. Regularly done, they can elevate operational standards and permit real and personal property to maintain long-term functionality, thereby improving safety and reducing long-term costs.



# Using Automation to Ensure Uninterrupted Availability and Smooth Operations

Predictive analysis — a process that uses historical data combined with statistical algorithms and machine learning techniques to predict future behaviors — can be a great aid to facilities portfolio management. Predictive analytics forecast what lies ahead and allow facility owners to anticipate maintenance activities. These predictions can be extremely useful for businesses because they reveal important hidden patterns, correlations, and trends. Similarly, data analytics scrutinizes facility inputs to extract patterns and trends, offering an optimum execution schedule.

With the insights from predictive analysis, facilities management can anticipate potential equipment failures, optimize maintenance schedules, and enhance operations efficiency. The potential to realize greater facilities cost savings exists.

## The Benefits of Automation in Facilities Portfolio Management

Automation is one of the most significant developments in facilities management. Here are some important ways it can improve businesses' processes:



**Efficiency and Resource Optimization:** Business process automation (BPA) is no longer jargon — it's an operational reality. Businesses can drastically enhance efficiency by automating processes, minimizing complexities, and slashing costs.



**Data-Driven Decision-Making:** Asset management systems pool data in a central repository, which gives organizations panoramic insights across departments and helps them make informed decisions.



**Real-Time Monitoring and Alerts:** With real-time monitoring features, continuous oversight ensures optimal resource utilization, proactive issue resolution, and increased portfolio availability.

### Other benefits of automation include:

- The ability to foresee and prevent equipment failures, enhancing maintenance efficiency.
- Streamlines compliance with regulations by managing documentation and schedules efficiently.
- Facilitates informed decisions about asset repair, replacement, or retirement, optimizing asset utilization.
- Supports scalable and flexible operations, adjusting resource use in response to dynamic demands.
- Reduces the potential for human error, improving operational accuracy.
- Aids in identifying and implementing sustainability improvements.



# Preventing Unanticipated Maintenance Events

Unscheduled maintenance represents unforeseen system and component failures that can significantly disrupt the mission and functionality of the real property. While natural occurrences induce some of these situations, many arise from neglected maintenance or overlooked vulnerabilities.

The degradation argument is clear: If minor facility issues are not addressed, they can lead to more significant and expensive problems. A prominent example of this is water intrusion.

When detected early or caught as part of routine maintenance, this issue is relatively easy to fix. However, if ignored, water can seep into integral structures, weakening foundational groups, corroding critical structural members, and infiltrating electrical systems, culminating in potentially hazardous situations. Prevention is crucial in this situation because addressing the issue later could require considerable time and money.

For effective facilities management, preparedness isn't just a precaution — it's a necessity. The unpredictable nature of disasters, whether natural or resulting from internal oversights, demands a well-strategized approach. An organization's ability to effectively anticipate, plan, and respond to potential facility threats can mean the difference between minimal disruptions and catastrophic outcomes.

Here are some of the pivotal steps organizations must take to ensure they're ready for any calamities and equipped to minimize the aftermath:

- **Establish Inspection Standards:** Develop clear and comprehensive standards for routine inspections to ensure consistency and thoroughness in identifying potential issues early.







- **Train Inspection Teams:** Provide specialized training for teams responsible for inspections, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively recognize early signs of problems.
- **Create Documentation Processes:** Implement a system for documenting inspection findings. This documentation should be detailed, easily accessible, and regularly updated to track the status of any identified issues and the actions taken to resolve them.
- **Regular Review and Update Procedures:** Periodically review and refine inspection procedures and documentation practices to adapt to new challenges and ensure continuous improvement in the inspection process. This final step ensures that the standards and methods remain relevant.

For effective facilities management, incorporating these pivotal steps into routine operations ensures that an organization is prepared to handle unanticipated maintenance events and well-positioned to prevent them.

Establishing rigorous inspection standards, adequately training inspection teams, and maintaining thorough documentation practices are foundational to recognizing and addressing potential vulnerabilities before they escalate into costly repairs. Regular reviews and updates to these processes also keep the organization adaptable to evolving challenges.

Together, these practices fortify the infrastructure against unforeseen failures and mitigate the impacts of maintenance issues, ultimately safeguarding the organization's functionality and continued mission.

# Enhance **Your** Facilities Portfolio Management with R&K

If you're looking to refine your property facilities management systems, R&K's subject matter experts and GoRPM can provide the advanced solutions and consulting you need.

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R&K's expertise in professional services further supports the optimization of portfolio management, ensuring that real property is efficiently managed and monitored.

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