

# Property Maintenance and Management: Property Preservation Matrix and Reference Guide

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### I. Property Preservation Matrix

As indicated in the *Servicing Guide*, Part VIII, Section 106: Property Maintenance and Management, throughout the foreclosure process the servicer is responsible for performing all property maintenance functions to ensure that the condition and appearance of the property are maintained satisfactorily.

Servicers should refer to the Property Preservation Matrix below for property preservation allowable reimbursement amounts. Where the cost of the contemplated preservation work exceeds these amounts, the request will be submitted via HomeTracker<sup>®</sup>, the preferred method for all over allowable reimbursement amounts. If the servicer does not have access to HomeTracker, the servicer must submit a *Property Preservation Request for Repair* (Form 1095) with supporting photographic documentation via e-mail to property\_preservation@fanniemae.com.

All pertinent supporting information and documentation that would assist in making a sound and complete property preservation decision should be included. Photos should be submitted as attachments to each applicable line item.

Color photos must be submitted as attachments to each applicable line item per the following requirements:

- Submitted photos must pertain to the applicable bid line item.
- A maximum of five attachments per line item is allowed.
- Photo dimensions must be a minimum of 1051 x 1500 dpi.
- Date and time stamp are required on each photo.
- Before and after photos should be available upon request.
- In cases where damages are found, interior and exterior photos detailing property conditions are required.

All bids are expected to be within the allowable reimbursement amounts unless extraordinary conditions warrant bid modification. If these conditions exist, the bid must be submitted with a description and photos to support the request. All bid line items not identified in the Matrix below will be reviewed for approval. To facilitate the review of the bids, the use of an industry standard based cost estimator tool is useful although not required. The estimates, photos, and any supporting documentation should be uploaded as attachments in HomeTracker.

As noted above, HomeTracker is the preferred method for all over allowable reimbursement requests. This application was specifically designed to facilitate communication between Fannie Mae and servicers to streamline work processes. HomeTracker allows servicers to search property information, submit requests, receive responses, track history, and print requests for files.

## Table A: PROPERTY PRESERVATION MATRIX

PROPERTY PRESERVATION MATRIX							
Property Preservation Type	Comments						
Securing							
Knob lock or Knob Lock with Deadbolt	Maximum \$60 each						
Padlock or Padlock with Hasp	Maximum \$40 each						
Slider Lock	Maximum \$25 each						
Window Lock	Maximum \$25 each						
Boarding	Maximum \$0.90/UI						
Security Door	Maximum \$250/per door						
Cover Dryer Vent	Maximum \$25.00/1 max per unit						
Repair Garage Door	Maximum \$100/max per unit						
Pool/Hot Tub/Spa Fence/Lanai Securing	Maximum \$400 total						
Law	n Maintenance						
	Less than 10,000 sq ft - Maximum \$100						
Initial Lawn Maintenance and Desert	10,001 - 15,000 sq ft - Maximum \$150						
Landscaping	15,001 - 25,000 sq ft - Maximum \$175						
(Less than 12" height)	25,001 - 35,000 sq ft - Maximum \$200						
	35,001 - 43,560 sq ft - Maximum \$225						
	Less than 10,000 sq ft - Maximum \$80						
Re-cut Lawn Maintenance and Desert	10,001 - 15,000 sq ft - Maximum \$100						
	15,001 - 25,000 sq ft - Maximum \$125						
Landscaping	25,001 - 35,000 sq ft - Maximum \$150						
	35,001 - 43,560 sq ft - Maximum \$175						
Trees/Shrubs/Vines	Maximum \$250 per calendar year						
Trees/Shrubs/Vines (HI & FL)	Maximum \$500 per calendar year						
	/interization						
Dry Winterization	Maximum \$100 for first unit						
Wet/Steam Winterization	Maximum \$150 for first unit						
Radiant Winterization	Maximum \$250 for first unit						
Additional Unit Any Type of Winterization	Maximum \$50 each						
	Ith and Safety						
Cleaning Refrigerator or Stand-Alone							
Freezer	Maximum \$100 each						
Cleaning Toilet	Maximum \$75 each						
Capping Wires	Maximum \$1 each						
Capping Gas/Water/Sewer	Maximum \$25 each						
Extermination	Maximum \$100 per calendar year						
	Debris						
Debris Removal	Maximum \$40/cu yd						
Move Exterior Debris	Maximum \$20/cu yd						
	Roof Issues						
Roof Replacement	See Guide below						
Patch/Repair (active leak only)	Maximum \$2.00/sq ft, maximum total cost \$800						
Chimney Cap	Maximum \$250/per cap/ 2 max per unit						
Additional Service Items  Navimum \$200							
Sump Pump	Maximum \$300						
Utility Transfers and Shut Off	Maximum \$75 for one time shut off/transfer fee of each						
Vacant Property Registration (VPR)	Actual cost to register per local requirement						
Snow Removal	Maximum \$75 each clearing, maximum property cap of						
Address Dosting	\$375 per calendar year						
Address Posting	Maximum of \$50						
Emergency Funds	Maximum \$500						

### II. Property Preservation and Management Reference Guide

Specific servicer requirements for preforeclosure property preservation are as follows:

### Securing

As noted in Announcement SVC-2011-08: *Delinquency Management and Default Prevention*, if the property is vacant, the servicer must perform property inspections.

The servicer should initiate securing with any report of vacancy. Contact information should be posted at the time of initial securing, if required by local ordinance.

Securing allowable reimbursement amounts should be utilized only if existing windows/doors are inoperable or are not present. **Do not** submit bids to replace doors, replace windows, or reglaze windows unless local ordinance prohibits boarding. When local code differs from Fannie Mae requirements, servicers must submit a copy of the local code with any securing bids to validate the bid.

### Lock Changes (Knob/Pad/Slider/Window Locks)

Servicers are required to secure a rear or a secondary door for access on vacant properties, including the main dwelling and all outbuildings. Only one lock is allowed to be changed on main dwellings for access. The main entrance should be rekeyed, if it is the only option for gaining access. In the event the main dwelling becomes unsecure or servicer's lock(s) are changed, proceed with re-securing to gain access.

If the property is a condo and cannot be rekeyed within the allowable reimbursement amount, the condo association must be contacted for access and to obtain a copy of the key in Fannie Mae's allowable cost. For special circumstances, submit two bids simultaneously.

Garage doors must be secured with existing locks when possible. If they cannot be secured with existing locks, secure within the allowable reimbursement amount.

Slider locks and window locks must be placed if existing locks are inoperable or are not present on the main level and where accessible.

The allowable reimbursement amount for locks includes the removal and replacement of the lock.

### **Boarding**

Properties must be boarded to prevent vandalism where required by local ordinance or when exterior openings are unsecurable or broken. The boarding allowable reimbursement amount does not include the cost of a padlock or padlock/hasp. Boarding is measured by calculating united inches (UI). To calculate UI, add length and width (for example, a 25x60 window is 85 UI).

The allowable reimbursement amount should be used for the following instances:

- Windows
- Slider door
- Garage door
- Pet door
- Crawl space

### **Security Door**

A security door should be utilized when an exterior door cannot be secured with the existing door and hardware. The security door should allow access. The allowable reimbursement amount includes boarding and hardware.

### **Cover Dryer Vent**

The allowable reimbursement amount for dryer vent covers will be used only when a cover is not present.

### **Repair Garage Door**

The allowable reimbursement amount to repair a garage door must be used in lieu of boarding when it is more cost effective. If the cost to repair exceeds the allowable but is less then boarding, the servicer should submit a bid for the repairs with all necessary information.

### Pool/Hot Tub/Spa Fence/Lanai Securing

Securing is defined as the confirmation that all fences, lanai, and gates are intact, secured, and a minimum of four feet high. If the fence, lanai, or gate cannot be repaired within the allowable reimbursement amounts, a bid to repair or replace must be submitted.

- When an above ground pool cannot be secured per Fannie Mae guidelines, a bid to tarp should be submitted.
- If an in ground pool cannot be secured per Fannie Mae guidelines, a bid to cover with a polypropylene safety cover anchored to the pool deck should be submitted. At the same time a bid to board the pool should be submitted.

The allowable reimbursement amount should be used for the following instances:

- Fence repair
- Lanai
- Gates
- Posts
- Pickets
- Chain links
- Gate locking mechanism

### **Lawn Maintenance**

### **Initial Lawn Maintenance and Desert Landscaping**

Initial lawn maintenance can be performed on lots up to one acre (43,560 square feet) where grass is less than 12" on more than 51% of the lot. It is at the servicer's discretion to either complete a perimeter or full lot cut on lots over 15,000 sq ft. Perimeter is defined as 100 x 150 or 15,000 sq ft. and will be completed from front view of the property to the street.

Oversized lots (more than 43,560 sq ft): If perimeter cuts are not acceptable due to local ordinance, a bid for initial full lot, subsequent cuts for the season, and a copy of the local ordinance dictating only full lot cuts are accepted should be submitted simultaneously for prior approval. If neighboring properties/businesses are within close proximity to property, a bid for initial full lot, subsequent cuts for the season, and a photo documentation of neighboring properties/businesses within close proximity should be submitted simultaneously for prior approval.

Desert landscaping should be performed within the allowable when landscapes are rockscaped or low maintenance landscaping. This should include pulling and spraying of weeds, removing tumbleweeds, and trimming grass where necessary.

Initial lawn maintenance and initial desert landscaping should be completed within 10 calendar days of the property being reported vacant or of grass cut season starting, whichever comes later.

In areas that allow year round initial/year round re-cuts, only one initial cut will be allowed. All other states are allowed one initial lawn/desert landscaping per calendar year.

The yard and its surroundings should be in model condition upon completion of the yard maintenance. The grass cut allowable includes but are not limited to the following:

Edging

- Minimal leaf removal
- Incidental debris/trash
- Clearing of all grass cut clippings

### **Initial Lawn Maintenance and Desert Landscaping Schedule**

 Initial grass cuts and desert landscaping will be completed during any month of the year in the following states/territories:

AL, AZ, CA, FL, GA, HI, LA, MS, NM, NV, SC, TX, Guam, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands

 Initial grass cuts and desert landscaping will be completed between April 1 and October 31 in the following states/territories:

AR, CO, CT, DC, DE, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SD, TN, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY.

Initial grass cuts will be performed from June 1 to September 30 in the state of:

ΑK

#### Refer to Table B: GRASS CUT SCHEDULE.

### Re-cut Lawn Maintenance and Desert Landscaping Schedule

Re-cuts should be completed in the allowable based on lot size to be cut. Prior approval is required for any re-cuts outside of the grass schedule:

- Re-cuts will be completed year round maximum once per month in AZ, NM and NV
- Re-cuts will be completed **year round maximum twice per month** in CA, FL, HI, Guam, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.
- Re-cuts will be completed from **March 1 to November 30 maximum twice per month** in AL, GA, LA, MS, SC and TX.
- Re-cuts will be completed from June 1 to September 30 maximum twice per month in AK.
- Re-cuts will be completed April 1 to October 31 maximum once per month in CO, UT and WY.
- Re-cuts will be completed April 1 to October 31 maximum twice per month in AR, CT, DE, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SD, TN, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI and DC
- Re-cuts for desert landscaping, rockscaped or low maintenance landscaping should be performed bimonthly

#### Refer to Table B: GRASS CUT SCHEDULE.

### **Trees/Shrubs/Vines**

Trees/shrubs/vines should be trimmed when affecting condition or access to the property from street view only. This includes trimming shrubs and trees, removing clippings, removal of dead plants/limbs, removal of vines on main dwelling, and saplings near foundation. Initial trees/shrubs/vines allowable should be performed within 30 days of first time vacancy report.

**Note:** Bid to remove trees should only include removal to the stump, not removal of the root system.

Table B: GRASS CUT SCHEDULE (excludes desert landscaping)

GRASS CUT SCHEDULE (excludes desert landscaping)										
	Initial Cut Re-cuts									
	Abbrevi	_	April	June						
State	ation	Any	1 to	1 to			April 1 to	April 1 to	March 1	June 1 to
		Mont	Oct	Sept	All Year	All Year	Oct 31	Oct 31	to Nov 30	Sept 30
	L	h	31	30	1x/month	2x/month	1x/month	2x/month	2x/month	2x/month
Alabama	AL	Х							Х	
Alaska	AK			X						X
Arizona	AZ	Х			Х					
Arkansas	AR		Х					Х		
California	CA	X				Х				
Colorado	CO		Х				Х			
Connecticut	CT		Х					Χ		
Delaware	DE		Х					Х		
Florida	FL	Х				Х				
Georgia	GA	Х							Х	
Hawaii	HI	Х				Х				
Idaho	ID		Х					Х		
Illinois	IL		Х					Х		
Indiana	IN		X					Х		
lowa	IA		X					X		
Kansas	KS		X					X		
Kentucky	KY		X					X		
Louisiana	LA	Х	Α					^	Х	
Maine	ME	^	Х					Х		
Maryland	MD		X					X		
Massachusetts	MA		X					X		
Michigan	MI		X					X		
	MN		X					X		
Minnesota		v	^					^	V	
Mississippi	MS	Х	V					Х	Х	
Missouri	MO		X							
Montana	MT		X					X		
Nebraska	NE		Х					Х		
Nevada	NV	Х			Х					
New			v					v		
Hampshire	NH		X					X		
New Jersey	NJ		Х					Х		
New Mexico	NM	Х	.,		Х			.,		
New York	NY		Х					Х		
North Carolina	NC		Х					Х		
North Dakota	ND		Х					X		
Ohio	ОН		Х					X		
Oklahoma	OK		Х					Х		
Oregon	OR		Х					Х		
Pennsylvania	PA		Х					X		
Rhode Island	RI		Х					Х		
South Carolina	SC	Х							Χ	
South Dakota	SD		Х					Х		
Tennessee	TN		Х					Х		
Texas	TX	Χ							Х	
Utah	UT		Х				Х			
Vermont	VT		Х					Х		
Virginia	VA		Х					Х		
Washington	WA		Х					Х		
West Virginia	WV		X					Х		
Wisconsin	WI		Х					X		
Wyoming	WY		X				Х			
District of							-,			
Columbia	DC		Х					х		
Guam	GU	Х				Х		~		
Puerto Rico	PR	X				X				
Virgin Islands	VI	X				X				
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### Winterization

Winterizations are required to be completed within 7 calendar days of the property being reported vacant or winterization season starting, which ever comes later. Servicers will be held accountable if required timeframe is not met. Properties should be winterized only once. The servicer must submit bids when the property needs to be re-winterized if the initial winterization is deemed to be no longer effective. Winterizations include shutting off the water source at the curb. If not possible to shut off at curb, then shut off at the main interior water supply. Winterization also includes a complete draining of all plumbing and heating systems and system check. For properties where water services and utilities are shared with other units, such as condominiums, the utilities should be maintained. The water service should also be maintained if needed for wet winterizations. Fannie Mae <u>will not</u> approve de-winterization.

Winterizations are allowed during any month of the year in the following state:

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The following states must be winterized from September 1st to April 30th:

CO, CT, IA, ID, IL, IN, MA, ME, MI, MN, MT, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SD, VT, WA, WI, WY

• The following states must be winterized from **October 1st to March 31st**. Properties below 2000 ft in elevation may be winterized at the servicer's discretion. Servicers will be held accountable for properties below this elevation which are not winterized and experience freeze damages.

AL, AR, AZ, CA, DC, DE, FL, GA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, NM, NC, NV, OK, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV

Winterizations are <u>not</u> required in the following states and territories:

HI, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

Refer to Table C: WINTERIZATION SCHEDULE.

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C+-+-	Abbreviation	Winterizations					
State		411.37	Sept 1 to	Oct 1 to			
		All Year	April 30	March 31	Not Required		
Alabama	AL			Х			
Alaska	AK	Х					
Arizona	AZ			X			
Arkansas	AR			Х			
California	CA			X			
Colorado	СО		X				
Connecticut	СТ		Х				
Delaware	DE			Х			
District of Columbia	DC			Х			
Florida	FL			Х			
Georgia	GA			X			
Guam	GU				Х		
Hawaii	HI				X		
Idaho	ID		Х		^		
			X				
Illinois	IL						
Indiana	IN		Х				
Iowa	IA		Х				
Kansas	KS			Х			
Kentucky	KY			Х			
Louisiana	LA			X			
Maine	ME		Х				
Maryland	MD			Х			
Massachusetts	MA		Х				
Michigan	МІ		Х				
Minnesota	MN		X				
Mississippi	MS			Х			
Missouri	MO			X			
Montana	MT		Х	Λ			
Nebraska	NE		X				
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Nevada	NV		V	Х			
New Hampshire	NH		X				
New Jersey	NJ		Х	.,			
New Mexico	NM			Х			
New York	NY		X				
North Carolina	NC			Х			
North Dakota	ND		X				
Ohio	ОН		Х				
Oklahoma	OK			Х			
Oregon	OR		Х				
Pennsylvania	PA		Х				
Puerto Rico	PR				Х		
Rhode Island	RI		Х		71		
South Carolina	SC			Х			
South Dakota	SD		Х	Α			
Tennessee	TN		^	Х			
Texas	TX			X			
Utah	UT			X			
			V	λ			
Vermont	VT		Х		V		
Virgin Islands	VI				Х		
Virginia	VA			Х			
Washington	WA		Х				
West Virginia	WV			X			
Wisconsin	WI		X				
Wyoming	WY		Х				
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### **Health and Safety**

### **Cleaning Refrigerator or Stand Alone Freezer**

The allowable reimbursement amount for cleaning includes the removal of all perishables from both the refrigerator and freezer or stand alone freezer(s), in addition to wiping down of the appliance's interior and exterior.

### **Cleaning Toilet**

The allowable reimbursement amount for cleaning the toilet should be used only when both waste is present and when the property requires winterization. This allowable also includes cleaning with a toilet brush and wiping down exterior. Fannie Mae will not approve bids to remove and cap toilets.

### Cap Wire and Gas/Water/Sewer

The allowable reimbursement amount to cap bare wires should only be used when the electric meter is present.

It is required the gas/water/sewer lines to be capped if the lines are uncapped or open regardless of utility status.

### **Extermination**

The allowable reimbursement amount for extermination should only be used to eliminate rodents, wasps, hornets and bees with over the counter products. Multi-housing units can use allowable for roaches. Fleas may only be exterminated when the infestation prohibits access to the property. Allowable is per calendar year.

**Note:** Do not submit bids to replace damaged/missing handrails or outlet covers.

### **Debris**

Servicers should consult their legal department prior to using any debris allowable. If bids are submitted to Fannie Mae, servicers should provide acknowledgment in the comment section of the bid approval from the servicer's legal department to remove personal property. A cubic yard is defined as 3' x 3' x 3' or 27 cubic feet and is measured by volume not weight or content.

### Refer to Table D: DEBRIS TABLE.

### Allowance for Debris Removal is Limited

#### Interior:

The allowable reimbursement amount for interior debris removal is restricted to raw garbage and perishable items. Examples of interior debris that is not authorized to be removed include:

- Gas cans
- Propane tanks
- Pressurized tanks
- Household cleaners
- Miscellaneous pesticides
- Pool chemicals or cleaning agents
- Antifreeze
- Toiletries
- Medicine/syringes
- Paint thinner

- Canned goods
- Paint cans
- Oil
- Alcohol
- Tires

### **Exterior:**

The allowable reimbursement amount for exterior debris removal is limited to raw garbage, perishable items, and to non-personal property items that are in the way of the lawn maintenance. Non-personal property items are defined as items that have been exposed to the elements and are not intended for exterior use. Examples of non-personal property items include:

### Fallen tree limbs

- Refrigerator/freezer
- Broken or deteriorated furniture

**Note:** Items located inside outbuildings or garages are not considered exterior debris.

### **Move Exterior Debris**

Fannie Mae allowable for moving exterior debris is limited to items considered to be personal property which obstructs lawn maintenance. These items should be moved to a secure location such as a shed, garage or interior of the property.

Examples of personal property **not** to be moved include:

Picnic tables

Bird baths

Fireplace wood

**Building materials** 

Swing Sets

Patio furniture

Vehicles

Trampolines

Grills

Dog houses

Stacked bricks

Note: Trash receptacles must be moved out of street view after all contents have been removed.

Examples of items to measure cubic yards:

Table D: **DEBRIS TABLE** 

This table is	This table is used as a general guide when considering the volume of debris.					
Quantity	uantity Item					
5	Automobile tires	1				
1	Book case (5 shelves)	2				
1	Couch	2				
1	Dresser or chest of drawers	2				
1	Dryer	1				
6	Full trash bags	1				
4	Lawn or dinning chairs	1				
1	Mattress and box spring	4				
1	Office desk	2				
125	Paint cans (one gallon)	1				
1	Recliner	1				
1	Refrigerator	2				
2	Trash cans	1				
1	Washing machine	1				

Bids to address unusual items or extremely heavy items that can not be converted to cubic yards should be submitted through the bid process prior to removing.

### **Roof Issues**

When an active leak is discovered, appropriate measures must be taken to preserve the property by stopping the leak.

- Do not submit bids for inactive leaks
- Do not patch/repair any detached structures
- Do not tarp flat roofs

The following information must be included with any roofing bids submitted:

- Dimensions of the affected area
- Location of damage
- Dollar amount of bid to complete work
- Full photo documentation including interior and exterior photos where leak is present
- Whether an insurance claim has been filed

### **Roof Replacement**

Fannie Mae does not encourage replacing roofs prior to sale, but in cases where the servicer determines that this is necessary, a first and second bid is required simultaneously.

### Patch/Repair (active leak only)

When the cost to patch/repair a roof exceeds the allowable, a bid to tarp and a bid to patch must be submitted simultaneously, unless it is a flat roof which requires only a bid to patch. Bid for patch/repair can include the seal/coat and repair of chimneys.

### **Chimney Caps**

When a chimney cap is not present a maximum quantity of two chimney caps may be placed.

### Additional Service Items

### **Sump Pumps**

If an existing sump pump is used to keep basements or crawl spaces dry, check the sump pump to make sure it is operational. The sump pump should be plugged into a power source; the electricity to the property should be turned on and transferred into the servicer's name. If the sump pump is inoperable, the servicer may use the allowable to repair or replace the pump, plumbing or electric lines to the sump pump. Do not submit bids to dig a crock and install a sump pump if one did not previously exist.

### **Utility Transfers**

If utilities are shared or are required to operate a sump pump, servicers must transfer the utilities into their name during pre-foreclosure proceedings within 10 calendar days of initial securing. The allowable includes verification utilities are transferred/connected/disconnected, wait time to meet with utility company, if necessary and verification that the sump pump is operational.

Water is required to be shut off curbside, regardless of winterization. If not possible to shut off at curb due to damages, then shut off at the main interior water supply. Bids are required to repair shut offs curbside.

### Vacant Property Registration (VPR)

If local ordinance requires a vacant property to be registered, servicers should follow requirements. Reimbursement will be provided only for the registration fee.

### **Snow Removal**

Properties are allowed to be cleared of snow and ice during the winter season for access and when required by local ordinance. When submitting bids, please include all of the following information:

- Reason for snow removal (either access or local ordinance only)
- Dimensions of right of ways to be cleared
- Location to be cleared (driveway, sidewalk, etc.)
- Height or approximate thickness of snow or ice
- Method of removal (shoveled, plowed, products to be used)

### **Address Posting**

Allowable reimbursement amounts should be used only in cases where house numbers are missing and to meet local code.

### **Emergency Repairs**

The emergency allowable should be used only when an immediate response is necessary to prevent damage. *Example: Pumping a basement*. Gradual or progressive deterioration or lack of property maintenance does not qualify as an emergency.

Most items that have been previously considered as an emergency repair have been addressed in the allowable matrix and guidelines. The following are examples when the emergency allowable should <u>not</u> be used:

- Thawing
- Cure code violations
- Cases where damages have already occurred
- Cases where property is already exposed to the elements

### **Additional Information**

### **Code Violations**

If code violations are issued to a property, the servicer must submit the following:

- A bid to correct the code violations if amounts exceed or is not included in Fannie Mae's allowable
- A legible copy of the violation
- A notation in comments section if any fines or liens are accumulating

### **Properties in Bankruptcy**

Servicers should consult with their legal department when addressing preservation issues for vacant properties in bankruptcy. For each reported vacancy during bankruptcy, servicers must notify the debtor's attorney and ask to proceed with property preservation.

### **Properties in Loss Mitigation**

Servicers are reminded of their responsibility to maintain vacant properties. Should a servicer choose not to perform maintenance during loss mitigation activities, for each reported vacancy, the servicer must contact the borrower or a legally responsible party for the mortgage note to confirm that the property is being maintained.

### **Discoloration**

Any discoloration identified at the property must be submitted to Fannie Mae within 10 days of discovery. Do not submit bids to test discoloration, remediate or install dehumidifiers. Only submit bids to treat discoloration. Bids must include the following:

- Source or cause of the discoloration (moisture is not a valid cause or source)
- Area affected in square feet
- Exact method of treatment to be used
- Specific location of the discoloration (if in garage/shed note if it is attached to the main dwelling)

### **Demolition or Condemnation**

If a servicer receives notification from a municipality regarding legal proceedings about the possible demolition or condemnation of a Fannie Mae preforeclosure property, certain steps should be taken to ensure that Fannie Mae's interests are protected. All of the following information should be uploaded into a Property Preservation Request:

Provide copies of demolition notices and violations from the municipality

- Provide two demolition bids and two repair bids simultaneously
- Attach actual inspections including photos labeled
- Respond to all of the following information in attachments:
  - List of ALL inspections completed including inspection completion date and occupancy status.(List should look like: Occupied 07/25/2011, occupied 08/26/2011, and vacant 09/22/2011)
  - Date of last occupied
  - o Date of property first time vacant.
  - Date property was initially secured after vacancy
  - o Date damages were discovered
  - Date of loss (if different from date of discovery)
  - Date of winterization and if system held pressure
  - Eyeball estimate of damages
  - o Cause of the damages
  - Status of Foreclosure sale (if sale is set, provide date)
  - o Date insurance claim was filed and status of insurance claim
  - If insurance claim was not filed or denied, explain why and attach denial letter
  - If insurance funds were received, advise dollar amount of funds received and if Report of Hazard Insurance Loss (Form 176) has been submitted to <a href="mailto:hazard\_loss@fanniemae.com">hazard\_loss@fanniemae.com</a>
  - Date the servicer first received any notice the property was either being condemned or demolished.
  - Hearing information:
    - 1. Date and time of hearing
    - 2. Does the servicer have counsel to represent them at the demolition hearing?
    - 3. If the hearing has passed, was servicer's counsel present?
    - 4. What was the outcome of the hearing? Example: Demolish Order has been approved, city will proceed or hearing has been rescheduled at counsel's request.
    - 5. Has the city obtained the permits for the demolition? If so, when?
    - 6. What is the scheduled date for demolition to begin?
  - Provide city code enforcement name, phone number and e-mail address and other relevant contact information

**Note:** Servicers should be prepared to submit an interior/exterior BPO and full loss analysis upon request. Property Cost Management will review and forward the all necessary information to the National Servicing Organization, who will then provide direction to the servicer.

This document is intended for use when considering preservation of vacant properties and the mortgage loan is delinquent. If servicers have questions about this process or about access to HomeTracker, contact the Property Cost Management team at <a href="mailto:property preservation@fanniemae.com">property preservation@fanniemae.com</a>

If the mortgage loan is current or the property is occupied, servicers should contact their Servicing Portfolio Manager, Servicing Consultant, or the National Servicing Organization's Servicer Solution Center at 1-888-FANNIE5 (888-326-6435) with any questions.