

DEARBORN

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Property Maintenance Guide

Call 943-2161 for details or visit www.cityofdearborn.org

GRASS AND LANDSCAPING RULES

- City ordinance requires property owners and residents to keep grass and weeds cut to six inches or less year-around. This includes all fence and property lines.
- Weed trees, saplings, and other noxious vegetation that was not intentionally planted are prohibited from fence and property lines.
- Trees, bushes and landscaping must be trimmed and maintained to prevent obstruction and provide safe passage to pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- Compost must be properly maintained and stored a minimum of 18 inches above the ground. Do not place food or food waste in compost.
- Public sidewalks and right-of-way shall be maintained to be free of leaves, snow, ice and obstructions at all times.
- Landscaping, hardscape elements and outdoor furniture shall not obstruct the use of adjacent properties including driveways or other means of access.
- Front yard gardens used for growing vegetables, fruits, berries, or any other edible produce are prohibited.

KEEP YOUR GRASS CUT TO SIX INCHES OR LESS

City ordinance requires property owners to regularly cut their grass and control weeds.

PROHIBITED OUTDOOR STORAGE

The storage or accumulation of junk, goods and/or materials is prohibited. "Junk" includes, but is not limited to:

- Motor vehicle and machinery parts
- Appliances stored outside
- Remnants of wood, metal, or other castoff material
- Interior furniture stored outside
- Trash, rubbish, debris, or refuse of any kind, other than any refuse stored according to City ordinances

VECTOR CONTROL

An effective rodent control program must target more than just the rats; it must include conditions that create attractive nuisances, allowing them to survive and thrive.

- Keep your yard clean. Store trash properly, in your designated carts with the lids closed.
- Remove and dispose of animal feces from your yard daily.
- Do not leave pet food outside. Do not put any food on the ground intended to feed animals. It is a violation of city ordinance to ground feed animals.
- Pick up and remove daily any fruit from trees, bushes, or vines that falls to the ground, and remove vegetables from gardens as soon as they ripen.
- Woodpiles should be stored at least 9 inches off the ground or on concrete/pavers.

PROHIBITED VEHICLE PARKING AND STORAGE

- Recreational vehicles, trailers, towable vehicles and commercial vehicles cannot be stored in residential districts.
- Vehicles cannot be parked on lawns or other unpaved areas.
- Vehicles cannot be parked across public sidewalks or rights-of-way.
- The storage of vehicles in an inoperable condition is prohibited. Vehicles deemed inoperable include any vehicle that cannot be legally operated on a public roadway.

PUBLIC SERVICE DAYS

During Public Service Days, the City provides services such as trash pickup, street sweeping, tree trimming, and sewer maintenance in your neighborhood. To ensure these services are provided in a safe, effective manner, do not park on the street from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on your trash day.

- Vehicles parked in the street will be ticketed.
- Do not park your vehicle across the sidewalk.
- Vehicles cannot be parked on lawns, vacant lots or other unpaved areas.

Information about Public Service Days is available through the automatic information line at 943-2886. For Public Service Day parking hardship exemptions, please call 943-2276.

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LITTER

Accumulation of trash, rubbish, litter, yard waste including leaves and/or debris is prohibited.

TRASH, RECYCLING AND SANITATION QUESTIONS

For information regarding trash, recycling and sanitation activities please call 943-2433 or visit www.cityofdearborn.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY

Community involvement is a hallmark of Dearborn. Neighborhood associations bring residents together and address issues of concern. They work with City staff to resolve problems. About a dozen associations are active in the City, along with the Dearborn Federation of Neighborhood Associations.

Associations are listed on the City's website www.cityofdearborn.org on the home page under Popular Links/Community Links/Neighborhood Associations.

Call John Cascardo of the Residential Services Department at 943-2216 for more information.

RULES ABOUT BUSINESSES

The conduct of commercial business from residential properties is prohibited. This includes any business activities that "change the neighborhood character".

REGISTER RENTAL & VACANT PROPERTIES

Owners of rental properties and vacant properties are required to register them with the City. For more information, please contact the Residential Services Department at 943-2157.

FIRE PIT SAFETY

- Fire pits must have screening on all sides, including the top.
- Fire must be constantly attended and completely extinguished after use.
- If there is objectionable smoke or the wind causes the smoke to invade neighborhood structures, the fire must be extinguished.
- Fire pits must not be located within 15 feet of a structure.

For more information, call the Dearborn Fire Marshal at 943-2839.

BBQ GRILL SAFETY

- Never use grills indoors, including garages.
- Keep grills 15 feet away from any structure.
- Never leave a grill unattended.
- Keep a water bottle handy to reduce flare ups.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS ABOUT CITY PROPERTIES & VACANT LOTS

Please contact the Residential Services Department at 943-2161.

Your Neighborhood Field Inspector is:



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Inspector comments:

**RVs, BOATS, TRAILERS,
TOWABLES, NON-ROADWORTHY
& COMMERCIAL VEHICLES
are NOT to be stored
in residential areas.**