

HIGH GRASS, WEEDS, AND TRASH

What is high grass and weeds?

A violation exists when the weeds or grass are more than twelve (12) inches in height. A violation also exists if there is any dead vegetation or vegetation which is poisonous to the touch, such as poison ivy, poison oak or poison sumac. Other types of vegetation such as vines, saplings, or other shrubs may also be a violation if they exceed twelve (12) inches in height and are clearly uncultivated, inviting filthy deposits or provide harborage for rodents, refuse or vermin.

Why is it important to keep your vard mowed?

Overgrown yards are not only an eyesore but a community safety issue: Weeded lots give an impression no one cares for the neighborhood. This attracts crime and vandalism, eroding community safety and value. Tall grass and weeds also harbor rodents and other vermin that are unsafe and unpleasant in residential communities. In many cases one uncared for lot slowly leads to a cluster of neglected properties.

What happens if I have this issue on my property?

If your property is found to be in violation and have high grass, weeds, or trash on it you will be given notice in the form of a certified letter sent to your current address associated with the ownership of the property in violation. The property will also be posted with a sign notifying you that you have 10 days to rectify the issue.

<u>Is there a penalty if I fail to correct</u> Violations?

Yes. If you fail to correct the violations within the (10) days, the City has the authority to have the property mowed and cleaned and assess all costs incurred against the property.

Who is responsible for correcting the violation?

The property owner as shown by the current year's tax rolls in the county treasurer's office is responsible for correcting the violation.

What areas must be mowed and maintained?

In addition to the main yard or lawn areas, you are responsible to mow any areas between your property and the paved area of all adjacent streets, including ditches, easements, alleys and unpaved right-of ways.

How do I report high grass and weeds?

Call 580-616-7213

Provide the address where the lawn is high. Inform us what is in violation (front yard, back yard, alley/easement or the whole property). Please also let us know if you are concerned with any other possible violations.

What about trash?

A violation also exists if any water, debris, or trash (including leaves, paper, tires, auto parts, appliances, lumber, firewood, scrap metal, combustible materials, construction materials, animal waste or matter of any kind or form which is uncared for, discarded or abandoned) has accumulated.

What can I do with my trash?

Any trash you may have on your property must be disposed of property. Loose or blowing trash must be bagged and placed in your poly-cart. If you have trash or debris

that cannot be place in a poly-cart it can take it to the landfill. If you have an active utility account you receive 12 free trips to the landfill a year. If you do not have the ability to take your trash to the landfill Bulk pickup is an option as long as nothing is loose and blowing.

CALL 580-616-7300 for bulk pickup

Items must be placed at the curb and away from any object that would restrict the ability to be picked up. Also there will be a cost associated with the bulk pickups.

