

Property Maintenance Guidelines

Property maintenance includes keeping your property clean, safe and in good condition to prevent conditions that may impact the health of you, your neighbors and the community at large. The following is a summary from the Lynnwood Municipal Code. For a complete list of regulations refer to the Lynnwood Municipal Code.



Landscaping and Yards (LMC 10.08.200)

Keeping vegetation under control is more than an aesthetic issue, vegetation left uncut and/or in an unkept condition can cause safety and fire hazards, harbor pests, and create dangerous passages for adjacent sidewalks and streets.

What are the rules about yard maintenance?

- Vegetation cannot overhang/block the sidewalk or street. It must be trimmed to allow safe passage for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers and allow clear view of any traffic control signs such as stop signs, street signs and parking signs.
- Dead vegetation needs to be removed to prevent fire hazards
- Grass must be kept 8 inches or shorter
- Yards must be kept free of garbage, waste, refuse, litter and debris



Sidewalks (LMC 12.12.040)

Who is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk?

Sidewalks are maintained by the abutting property owner. Sidewalks must be kept free and clear of ice, snow, vegetation and any other obstruction. This allows for a safe walkway for pedestrians.



Motor Vehicles, Junk Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles and Boats (LMC 10.08.100 - 140)

What can I park outside on my property?

- Up to 4 motor vehicles may be parked on a property. A motor vehicle is a currently licensed and operable automobile, truck, mounted camper, motorcycle, or watercraft 14 feet in length and under. More than 4 vehicles may be parked when there are more than 4 licensed drivers living at that residence and whose driver's licenses are the same as the residence.
- A combination of up to 3 of the following may be parked on a property: recreational vehicles (RV), motor homes, unmounted camper or canopy shells, boats over 14 feet in length.
- Vehicles cannot block the sidewalk.

What is a Junk Vehicle?

Parking junk vehicles on private property is not allowed. Junk vehicles must meet at least 3 of the following requirements:

- Is 3 years old or older.
- Is extensively damaged, such as: a broken window or windshield or missing tires, motor or transmission.
- Is apparently inoperable.
- Has an approximate fair market value equal to the approximate value of the scrap in it.