

Overgrown Weeds, Grass and Shrubs

Tucson's Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance details common exterior property violations. The Ordinance covers:

- Junked or Inoperable Vehicles
- Overgrown Weeds and Grass
- Vegetation Encroachment
- Junk, Litter and Debris
- Illegal Dumping
- Residential Storage

Weeds or grass must be kept below 6 inches in height. You are responsible for maintaining the grass and weeds in the abutting sidewalks and street easements.

Trees, bushes or shrubs that encroach or overhang into the abutting public right-of-way constitutes a safety hazard and impedes safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians. You are responsible for trimming your trees, bushes or shrubs to keep these areas free of obstructions. There is not a specific code for how high trees be trimmed on a street unless it is a bus route. If a bus route, trees must be kept 10 feet above the street. If the city was cutting on a non-city route, they would use the same guideline.

You can file an on-line complaint at

<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/d/codeenforcement/propertycomplaint> 24 hours a day 7 days a week or you can make the complaint by calling (520) 791-5843 which is open Mon-Fri from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

An inspector will come out and verify the reported condition. If the violation is verified, a notice of violation will be issued to the property owner and/or tenant or business operator. Failure to correct the violation may result in civil or criminal action by the city which will include fines of \$100 to \$2,500 per violation.

To track the progress of a case you have reported simply log onto:

<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/webapp/DevSvcsWebApp/ires/inspresults.html>

Enter the activity number you will receive from our division and you will be able to track the concern you have on-line.