

Grass, Weeds, and Wild Vegetation

Gwinnett County has adopted ordinances (regulations) to help guard the visual and physical health of neighborhoods and people. Unmanaged grass, weeds, and other vegetation can reduce the health of your community by:

- Reducing the visual attractiveness of properties, causing property values to decrease
- Harboring pests, snakes, rodents, insects, and other pests that may transmit diseases and illness
- Causing the potential risk of grass / brush fire during hot and dry summer temperatures that can spread, damaging homes and buildings
- Blocking driver visibility along roads and at intersections
- Posing safety and tripping hazards, as well as water drainage issues when excessive vegetation grows and blocks sidewalks and public roads

Plan of Action

- Mow and maintain your yard regularly so that grass, weeds, and vegetation is shorter than 12 inches in height.
- Clear yard trimmings and excess grass from public streets and sidewalks.
- Cover unpaved areas and exposed patches of dirt on your front yard by planting grass seed, ground cover, or other landscaping to prevent soil run off /erosion.

Resources

Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful's Students Serving Seniors: This program matches older adults needing yard assistance with a high school student willing to help. The older adult should submit a request online (link below) or call Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful at 770-822-5187.

<http://www.gwinnettcbo.org/programs/great-american-cleanup/students-serving-seniors/>

Gwinnett County Habitat for Humanity: Can assist homeowners with a one-time yard clean-up that can help make maintenance more manageable going forward. Call Gwinnett Habitat at 770-931-8080.

What does the ordinance say about grass, weeds, and uncultivated vegetation? Property Maintenance Ordinance (14-286): Premises & exterior property shall be maintained free from grass, weeds, or uncultivated vegetation in excess of twelve (12) inches in height. The only exceptions are: 1) any parcel zoned RA-200 (Agriculture-Residence District) that is greater than one acre in size or 2) any parcel within a single-family residential zoning classification that is greater than 3 acres in size. Property owners abutting a right-of-way shall not allow yard trimmings to accumulate on a public street or sidewalk. The unpaved areas of front yards shall be maintained with grass, ground cover or other type of landscaping to such an extent that the soil is not subject to erosion.

Learn more at
GwinnettCodeEnforcement.com
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