

DID YOU KNOW?

By maintaining trees and vegetation, your efforts can enhance a community's beauty, reduce air pollution, lower air conditioning costs, and increase biodiversity. As well as promote your own health and happiness.

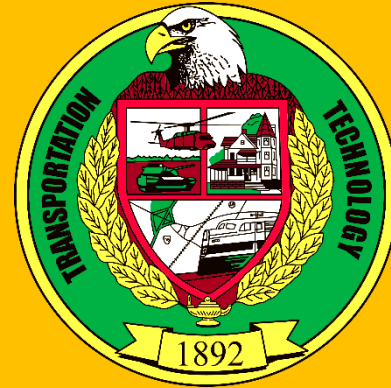
Did you know, that while tall grass may look green and harmless, eventually it browns and dries out, becoming a potential fire hazard. Keeping the grass cut, helps to reduce that risk, as well as keeps weeds under control.

Did you know, tall grasses and weeds are the perfect environment for insects like mosquitos to dwell and weeds are an excellent place for several different types of rodents. If this vegetation is maintained properly, unwanted pests would be kept minimal.

Did you know, some weeds cause many people to suffer from allergies and skin irritations. Keeping the vegetation under control could benefit you and your neighbor's health and happiness.

Did you know, mushroom-like spores, dead branches and soft, breakable bark are all signs of a sick or dying tree. Contact an Arborist to prevent losing the tree, or possibly causing damage to your home and property.

For more information regarding the City's ordinance and helpful information, visit www.aberdeenmd.gov/dpword




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TREE & VEGETATION CONTROL INFORMATION

In order to maintain safe travel in our City, we ask our citizens to help by maintaining their trees and other vegetation. In this brochure you will find useful information on how to help keep our streets and sidewalks safe.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Streets, sidewalks, and other public right-of-ways are for everyone's use. Property owners are responsible for their private trees and all other vegetation in the public right-of-ways next to their property. Overgrown vegetation is a safety hazard and limits the use of sidewalks, trails, streets and alleys. It further threatens public safety when vegetation blocks the view of traffic signs, signals, vehicles, or cyclists. Trimming vegetation and caring for your trees are effective ways residents can enhance neighborhood safety.

For any violation in the Trees and Vegetation Ordinance, the City will provide written notice to the property owner advising the specific violation and requested corrective action. Violation penalties can range from \$50 to \$400. Property owners do have the right to appeal the violation notice.

The City strives to maintain a safe environment for all residents and visitors and works hard to maintain a lasting relationship with all our residents. Please help us, by doing your part.

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DEAD & SICK TREES

Trees on your property are your responsibility. Dead or sick trees that reach beyond the property line could cause injury or death to others or even property damage. These trees will need to be removed.



KEEPING SAFE

To ensure safe passage of emergency response vehicles as well as delivery trucks and other larger vehicles, tree limbs over roadways should be trimmed back up to 16 feet in height.

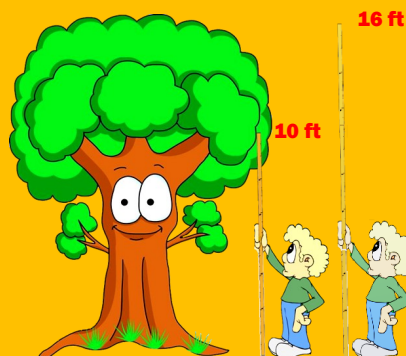
To ensure safe passage and avoid stepping off sidewalks and into the street, tree limbs over sidewalks should be trimmed back up to 10 feet in height.



CLEARANCES AND SIGHT DISTANCES

Tree, bush or other vegetation should not extend beyond the property line.

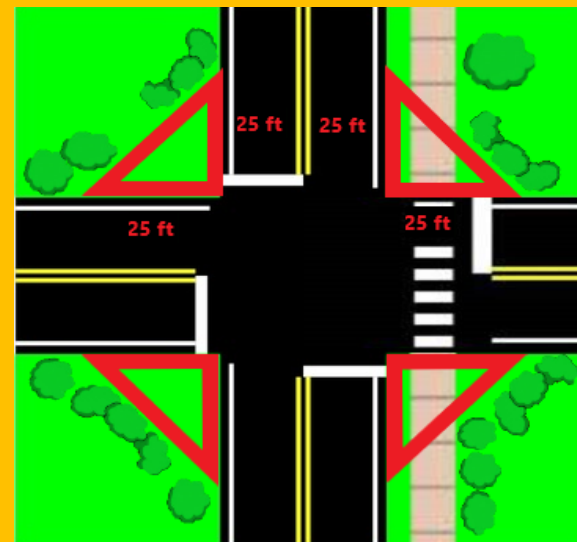
- Within 10 feet in height over sidewalks.
- Within 16 feet in height over improved surfaces. (such as roadways)
- Onto a public right-of-way or onto a sidewalk that abuts a public right-of-way.



CLEARANCES AND SIGHT DISTANCES OF CORNER LOTS

Keeping trees and vegetation low on all road frontage sides of a corner lot allow safe visibility for drivers and pedestrians.

Keep all vegetation under 3 feet, within 25 feet from the intersection.



"3 feet high in the 25 keeps us alive."

ADDITIONAL GUIDES & TIPS

- Maintain grass and weeds at a maximum height of 12 inches throughout property to the edge of the street or alley.
- Trim or remove any vegetation that may be a fire hazard.
- Clear vegetation from blocking any traffic signs.
- Leave a 3-foot clear zone around all fire hydrants.
- Proper pruning helps maintain good tree health and structure while influencing the health and well-being of a community.
- Use caution when pruning around utility lines. Call the utility companies with any concerns prior to cutting.