

Maintained properties protect the community, preserve property values, and enhance the attractiveness of the neighborhood. To preserve the community's overall quality of life, Denver Borough officials routinely inspect for exterior code violations which may be detrimental to the safety and quality of life enjoyed by residents of Denver Borough.

The information contained in this guide provides a general outline of the Borough's various property maintenance regulations. For more detailed information, please refer to the Borough Code which can be accessed electronically at the Borough's website at [www.denverboro.net](http://www.denverboro.net). If you have any questions, please contact the Denver Borough Municipal Building at 717-336-2831.



### **1. Accessory Structures**

a) Garages, sheds, fences, decks, gazebos, and trellises

shall be structurally sound, free of holes, rotting material, and where necessary, painted for protection from the elements.

b) Swimming pools shall be maintained clean and sanitary.



### **2. Animals**

a) Animals are not permitted to run at large upon any public street, alley, park, or other public land or upon the property of another person other than the owner.

b) Animals are not permitted to soil, defile, or defecate upon public property or upon property of a person other than the owner.

c) Maintenance of the animal pen or area which the animal is kept must be kept in a sanitary condition and cannot produce offensive, obnoxious, or foul odors.

d) Barking, yelping, or otherwise making noise continuously in excess of 15 minutes or intermittently in

excess of 30 minutes so that such noise can be heard from persons outside of the property of the owner of the animal is prohibited.



### **3. Vegetation**

a) All premises and exterior property areas shall be maintained from weeds or plant growth in excess of six (6) inches in height.

b) Bushes and trees must not obstruct the public sidewalk. Tree branches over sidewalks shall be trimmed to provide eight (8) feet of clearance on the sidewalk.

c) When mowing your yard, make certain not to blow grass clippings into the street. When mowing, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn not the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. Do not use a hose to

wash them into the street or storm drains.



### **4. Grading and Drainage**

a) Standing or stagnant water on a property creates a public health risk/hazard and is prohibited.



### **5. Commercial Vehicles**

a) Parking of vehicles either with a registered gross weight in excess of 17,001 pounds; a length in excess of 20 feet; a height in excess of 11 feet 6 inches; a width in excess of 89 inches; or a windshield weight class sticker with a number above six (6) is prohibited on all Borough streets.



## 6. Walkways and Driveways

a) Sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces, and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair and maintained free from hazardous conditions.



## 7. Sanitation

- a) The storage, placement, or accumulation of junked, wrecked, discarded, or abandoned machinery, equipment, household appliances, or other debris and waste materials on an exterior area of a property is prohibited.
- b) Every occupant of a structure shall dispose of garbage in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such garbage in an approved garbage disposal facility or containers.
- c) All rubbish, refuse, garbage, and recycling containers located

in the front of the property shall be screened or otherwise stored so as to be free from view from the public right-of-way.

d) All rubbish, refuse, garbage, and recycling containers shall be placed at the curbside for collection no more than 24 hours in advance of the scheduled time for collection.



## 8. Exterior Property Areas

- a) Exterior property areas and premises must be maintained free of garbage and rubbish.
- b) Other than furniture contained within a structure, use or storage of furniture which is not designed or constructed for exterior use is prohibited in property exterior areas.
- c) Siding, roofs, gutters, windows, and doors shall be free from holes, rotting material, and where necessary, painted for protection from the elements.
- d) The roof and flashing shall be sound, tight, and not have any defects that admit rain.

e) Roof drains, gutters, and downspouts shall be maintained in good repair and free from obstructions.



## 9. Off-Street Parking

- a) Vehicle parking is not permitted on grass, landscaped, dirt, or stone areas in the front lawn or yard of the property.
- b) All portions of required parking, including driveways, shall be graded, surfaced with a durable bituminous concrete, crushed stone, or other suitable material, and drained to the extent necessary to prevent dust or excessive water flow across streets or adjoining properties. Crushed or loose stone is not an accepted material for use in the front yard of any property for a driveway or parking area
- c) Motor vehicles must be currently registered and display a current PA Inspection sticker. Inoperable vehicles or vehicles in the process of major repair may only be stored in a garage.

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