

Yard and Right-of-Way Maintenance

Maintenance of Private Property: Any real property not owned by the federal government, state, county, city or political subdivision of the state. (**Douglas Municipal Code 8.32.015 & 8.32.130**)

- Free of litter and weeds
- Free of construction debris
- Complete screening of personal storage
- Complete screening or removal of abandoned/junked/inoperable vehicles

Maintenance of Right of Way: adjacent street right-of-way from the private property line to the curb or edge of pavement, and the portion of the alley contiguous with the property to the center line of the alley. (**Douglas Municipal Code 8.32.140**)

- Free of Litter and Weeds
- Tree trimmings, branches, and limbs – Cut into **4 foot (Maximum) length pieces**, tied into bundles not to exceed **eighteen (18) inches in diameter**.
- Free of debris, garbage, rubbish
- **Receptacles – Maximum of six (6) items** (receptacles, bags, boxes or bundles) **not to exceed sixty-five (65) pounds** in weight. (**Douglas Municipal Code – 8.16.050, A §1, 2003**)
- *Receptacle containers are not to exceed 32-gallon containers and require lids or covers that shall be kept securely in place.*

To report a complaint, please call the Code Enforcement Office at 805-4047 and supply the following information:

- Name, address and telephone number (optional)
- Address where violation is located

- Description of violation

A Code Enforcement Officer will respond and investigate the complaint within **48 to 72 hours**.

DEFENITIONS:

Debris – means junk, lumber, furniture, furniture parts, stoves, sinks, cabinets, household fixtures, refrigerators, car parts, abandoned, broken or neglected equipment, or the scattered remains of something of little or no apparent economic value.

Garbage – means any spoiled or discarded animal or vegetable material resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, or consumption of food for humans or animals, as well as other organic waste material subject to rapid decomposition.

Litter – means garbage, refuse, debris, rubbish, and all other waste material which, if thrown or deposited in such manner prohibited by this chapter, tends to create a danger to public, safety and welfare. (Ord. 851§1, 2004)

Rubbish – means solid waste consisting of both combustible and non-combustible waste, such as paper, wrappings, weeds, cigarettes, cardboard, tin cans, yard clippings, leaves, metal, wood, glass, bedding, crockery, construction materials, and similar materials.

Refuse – means all solid wastes except body wastes, including garbage, rubbish, ashes, waste oil, street cleanings, dead animals, and similar materials.

Weeds – means, poison oak, poison ivy, or any noxious or toxic weeds, or uncultivated plants or shrubs, tall grass, or growth higher than **twelve (12) inches**, or which present a fire hazard. (Ord. 826 §1,2003)