

# GRASS MAINTENANCE GUIDE

## Which properties are regulated by the grass and weed ordinances?

The ordinances regulating grass and weeds are found within the [Noblesville City Code of Ordinances](#) and apply only to properties incorporated into City limits.

### MAINTENANCE

#### What maintenance standards are required by the City Code?

Property owners are responsible to cut high weeds and grass and remove debris and rubbish from the area between the streets and sidewalks adjacent to the real estate. All parcels/land located within a floodplain, wetlands, woods, or undeveloped areas may be exempt.



#### How tall can grass grow before it is in violation of the ordinance?

For all properties enforceable by City Code, grass must be kept shorter than six (6) inches tall. Trees, shrubberies, flowers, ornamental grasses, and agricultural crops exceeding six inches are not considered to be weeds or rank vegetation.

#### Which plants are considered rank and must be removed?



- Canada Thistle
- Johnson Grass
- Columbus Grass
- Bur Cucumber
- Shattercane
- Poison Ivy
- Poison Sumac
- Poison Oak
- Quackgrass
- Carolina Horsenettle
- Cocklebur
- Wild Mustard

### ENFORCEMENT



#### How can I report a violation?

Violations can be reported to the Planning Department by phone at (317) 776-6325 or by submitting an action request to the [Citizens' Action Center](#) on the City website. All received complaints are handled on a first come, first served basis.



#### How am I notified if my property is in violation and how soon must it be corrected?

The Planning Department sends certified mailings to all property owners who are in violation of the grass and weed regulations. The owner is given a deadline of ten (10) days by which the property must be brought into compliance.



#### What happens if the property is not brought into compliance?

If grass and weed violations are not corrected by their given deadlines, the City has the authority to enter the property and remove the high weeds and grass. The owner will be invoiced for all work done and given thirty (30) days to pay the City for all costs incurred. If the invoice is not paid in full by the deadline, the City shall submit the bill to the [Hamilton County Auditor](#) and the amount will be added to the tax bill for the property.



#### What happens to repeat offenders?

For each non-compliant property, the City is required to send one (1) certified mailing notice to the legal owner per calendar year. Once the initial notice is sent to the property owner, the City may continually remove non-compliant weeds and grass without written notice for the duration of the calendar year under the provisions detailed in [Indiana Code 36-7-10.1](#). All maintenance performed by the City is invoiced to the legal property owner.