

City of Wharton



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City of Wharton Property Upkeep

Wharton, TX, September 12, 2016 - Recent rains and higher temperatures have caused grass and weeds to grow more than normal. City ordinance requires property owners to keep grass and weeds cut to less than 10 inches in height. Anything taller than that is prohibited and, if left unabated, can be mowed by the city at the owner's expense.

Taller weeds can provide a breeding ground for all manner of vermin, from mosquitoes, chiggers and ticks to mice and snakes. Many of these pests can carry diseases that can affect humans and pets.

Who's responsible? Property owners ultimately are responsible for lawn maintenance, In the case of rental properties, code enforcement will mail a notice to the property owners and tenant.

How are violations handled? When a complaint is made to the city, Code Enforcement will visit the property to verify that the weeds violate the city height restriction or are creating a danger because of pests or other hazards. The Code Enforcement Officer then mails a notice to the property owner and tenant, giving the occupant 10 days to mow the property. The property is inspected after 10 days have passed. If no other action has been taken, Code Enforcement will file with Wharton Municipal Court against the property owner for failure to comply and the City can then cut the grass and bill the property owner.

What you can do: Mow your lawn regularly and report property you think is in violation of the city's ordinance. Reports can be made by calling Wharton City Hall at 979-532-2491.

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