



ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

CITY STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Code Enforcement & Public Health

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Your help is needed to keep the City of Brooklyn Park a safe and healthy community where all those who live, work or visit can experience a sense of pride and well-being. If you live, own or lease, are in control of property, or live in Brooklyn Park, you are responsible for meeting residential community standards and neighborhood expectations. Following some common community standards is the first step in being a good neighbor.

Vehicles and Equipment

All motorized vehicles must be located on a paved surface at all times. All non-motorized recreational vehicles and trailers located in the front yard must also be located on a paved surface. For more information see our *Vehicles & Equipment* brochure. Other restrictions may apply. (City Ord. Ch. 152.262 b)

Nuisances

All accumulations of junk, refuse, garbage, litter, abandoned property or hazardous waste are prohibited. This includes yard waste and accumulations of dog feces. All garbage must be kept inside a fly-tight container at all times. (City Ord. Ch. 94)

City Parks Hours

City Park facilities are open to the public from 6 a.m.-10 p.m. (City Ord Ch. 95.02 A 1)

Garage Sales

Four 3-day garage sales permitted per year per property. For more info on temporary signs see our *Temporary Signs* brochure. (City Ord. Ch. 152.262 c)

Open Burns / Recreational Fires

Open burns are prohibited without first obtaining a permit from the Fire Department. The burning of trash, leaves, brush and similar items is not allowed. (City Ord. Ch. 1102.3) Recreational fires are allowed if all requirements are met. (City Ord. Ch. 1102.4)

Garbage/Recycling Management

Garbage and trash must be placed in durable, pest-proof containers with tight-fitting lids. Garbage cans and recycling bins must be stored out of public view (inside garage or behind an approved screen, except on the day of pick-up. (City Ord. Ch. 98.14)

Lawn and Landscape

All grass and weeds must be mowed and trimmed less than eight (8) inches in height. Storm-water ponds, ditches and steep embankments are exempt from these regulations. All noxious weeds must be destroyed. Placements of trees, boulders or other intrusions are not allowed in boulevards or public street right-of-way without city approval. (City Ord. Ch. 97)

Housing/Structure Maintenance

The exterior siding, roof and foundation of all buildings and structures must be in good repair. Decks must be structurally sound and in good repair. The siding on all buildings/structures must be free from deterioration or chipping paint. (City Ord. Ch. 106)

On-Street Parking

Vehicles may not be parked on the street for more than 24 consecutive hours. From October 15 to April 15, vehicles may not be parked in the street from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. Driveways, mailboxes and fire hydrants may not be blocked or obstructed. Other on-street parking regulations apply. (City Ord. Ch. 72)

Streets

The primary purpose of streets is for vehicle traffic. Other street users, such as pedestrians and bicyclers, must follow safety rules. Not only is it unsafe for children or adults to walk down the middle of the street, it is illegal to obstruct traffic. (City Ord. Ch. 94.02)

Neighborhood Disputes

Community Mediation Program offers free services to assist residents with disputes. This service helps resolve issues in a positive manner before legal actions are necessary. Call 763-561-0033.

How to Report a Neighborhood Concern

If an ordinance violation cannot be resolved through neighbor cooperation, the city may be contacted to assist in resolution. Depending on the issue, multiple departments may be involved. Complaints may be filed in person, on the website, by mail or telephone. Certain information is required in order to help us follow up on the issue.

1. Provide your name and contact information so we can contact you if necessary or for updates.
2. Provide the specific location including the house number and street name.
3. Identify the specific complaint including a detailed description and location on the property.

A City employee will address your concern, which may include a visit to the property. The city works with property owners and tenants to help them understand and meet city standards. If corrections are not made, various legal actions may be used.

If You Receive a Notice from the City

DO NOT IGNORE IT!

Please correct the issues listed on the notice. If you do not understand or need more time to complete a project, be sure to call the city employee listed on the notice right away.

Failure to meet City regulations and standards may result in enforcement actions such as fines, costs of city-facilitated corrections, eviction, or court actions.

Do You Have Questions?

The City wants to help make your projects successful and help make your experience in Brooklyn Park enjoyable. Please contact us if you have questions.

Important Contact Information

City business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

➤ City Contacts

Code Enforcement & Public Health Division

Residential & commercial property maintenance, nuisance and neighborhood issues (buildings/structures, vehicles, junk, storage, landscaping, etc.), health and life safety issues, home occupations, equipment noise, lighting, signs, general code administration and regulations

- 763-493-8070
- Emergency: 911

Disposal Contacts

Possible disposal contacts are listed below. Please refer to the yellow pages for more options, or consult the *Materials Management Guide*.

Building Division

Permits to install or replace siding, roofs, foundations, accessory buildings and decks; and rental housing inspections

- 763-488-6379

Fire Department

Open burn permits, recreational fires, fire safety

- 763-493-8020
- Emergency: 911

Operations & Maintenance Dept.

Recycling information, special materials management, streets and park maintenance, and utilities

- 763-493-8007

Police Department

Animal complaints, noisy parties, on-street parking violations, suspicious activities, or immediate health and safety concerns

- **Emergency and Non-emergency: 911**
- **Administration: 763-493-8222**

Recreation & Parks Department

Recreation programs, facilities rentals, and park usage

- 763-493-8333

Junk Vehicles

Certain programs offer tax credits for donated cars such as National Kidney Foundation at: 612-337-7300, and the American Lung Association at: 1-800-577-LUNG. Other auto-recycling businesses may remove vehicles for a fee.

Appliances, Hazardous and Problem Waste

Brooklyn Park Recycling and Transfer Station will take these items and more. Fees may be charged. Please call 612-348-6500 for details.

Yard Waste

Leaves, grass, brush 10" or less in diameter, sod, mulch, etc. may be dropped off at the Maple Grove Yard Waste drop-off site April 1 through Nov. 30, weather permitting.

Please call 763-420-4886 for details.

Tree Debris

Large brush, trees, logs, stumps; Christmas trees; etc may be disposed of at the following locations. Fees may be charged.

SKB Environmental – 763-767-7964

Elk River Landfill – 763-441-2464

This brochure is intended only as a general guide. Other codes and ordinances may apply. You can reference ordinances at the city website by visiting www.brooklynpark.org