

Exterior Maintenance & Storage

Every citizen has the responsibility to keep residential neighborhoods clean and attractive. Therefore, the city has adopted [codes and ordinances](#) addressing the [exterior maintenance and storage of household items](#). This includes:

- exterior items, such as foundations, walls, windows, doors, roofs and gutters, and
- household items, such as [trash containers/bags](#), barrels, ladders, carts, lawn mowers, tires and appliances.

Storage related to any [business activity](#) is not permitted.

Failure to comply with these requirements constitutes a violation of the city's ordinance, and a [ticket may be issued](#) each day the violation remains and be subject to a fine up to \$500 per ticket or six months imprisonment, or both.

Storage of household items outside home

- Items must be stored within a fully enclosed structure (your home or garage) or in the back yard if they are substantially screened from view from any adjacent property by a fence or wall. A shed less than 200 sq. ft. may be used for tools and lawn equipment.
- Portable storage units are not allowed.
- Items may not occupy more than 20 percent of the area of the rear yard.
- Items must be stored in such a manner as to discourage harborage of rodents, insects and other pests.

Exceptions: Firewood, etc.

There are some exceptions to storing items outside your home. Some items related to approved accessory uses for residentially zoned property are exempt from the screening requirements. Firewood and play equipment are considered exempt items. Firewood must be stored behind the front building line or behind the front and side building lines on corner lots. Firewood must be free of insects and stacked neatly.

Items Required Screening

If you must store household items outside your home, these items require screening (this is not a comprehensive list):

- [Trash containers or bags](#)
- Lawn and garden equipment:
 - Garden tools
 - Lawn mowers
 - Wheelbarrows
- Tools
- Ladders
- Saw horses
- Vehicle parts
- Building material:
 - Cement blocks
 - Lumber
 - Plywood, etc.
- Storm windows and awnings
- Camper shells
- Dirt, sand and gravel (30 day limit)