



## Code Enforcement Frequently Asked Questions

### **Is there a limit to how many vehicles I can have in my yard?**

You may have six vehicles in public view. All of the vehicles must be legally operational. Public view is any area visible by any member of the public including your neighbors to the sides and rear of your property. If your rear yard is completely screened with approved material i.e. block wall, wooden fence, or chain link with slats, you may have more vehicles as long as they are operational and out of public view.

### **Where can I park my vehicle to sell it?**

You may park one vehicle for sale on your developed property. Vehicles parked on vacant lots, in parking lots or in Town right of ways are subject to a citation.

### **May I have inoperative vehicles in my yard?**

One inoperative vehicle is allowed in the rear yard provided it is completely screened from public view by using approved screening materials. Otherwise, an inoperative vehicle must be housed in a garage, repaired, or removed from the property.

### **May I park a commercial truck at my house?**

Commercial vehicle parking is permitted in the Town of Apple Valley (1) if you have a valid permit issued by the Town of Apple Valley (presently available to those with 2.5 acres or more in certain zoning), or (2) are parked within 300 feet of a commercial business on an approved truck route for up to one hour, or (3) for loading and unloading of the cargo only.

### **What do I need to do to have a yard sale?**

Each single family residence is entitled to three yard sales per year. A free permit is required and available from the Town of Apple Valley reception desk located inside of Town Hall. Yard sale signs can only be posted on the property conducting the sale. **No** signs are allowed on telephone poles, street signs, etc.

Apartment tenants may have one yard sale per year per unit, owner permission is required to obtain a permit.

### **Can I do anything about a dirty pond, pool or excessive run-off?**

Standing water such as a swimming pool, pond or other body of water which is abandoned, unattended, unfiltered, or not otherwise maintained, resulting in the water becoming polluted, is cause for concern. It can be a source for mosquitos or dangerous and hazardous conditions in a winter freeze. Contact Code Enforcement and the matter will be investigated.

### **Who do I call about overgrown or dead vegetation?**

An overgrowth of green trees and shrubs is a matter for Code Enforcement. Dry or dead shrubs, dead trees, combustible refuse and waste or any material growing upon a street, sidewalk or private property within the Town which constitutes a fire hazard to a building, improvement, crop or which, when dry, will in reasonable probability constitute a fire hazard is handled by the Apple Valley Fire Protection District.

**There's a bush or tree at an intersection and I cannot see oncoming traffic while driving. Does the Town take care of that?** If the property is found to be in violation, Code Enforcement Officers will contact the property owner and have the bush/tree cut back.

**How long can my neighbor leave his trash barrel/cart out by the road?** You are allowed to place your trash barrel/cart out 12 hours prior to service and it must be brought in 12 hours after service.

**There is graffiti on the wall/fence/street/mailbox.** Code Enforcement responds to all graffiti calls. The property owner may sign a graffiti waiver if one is not on file and the graffiti will be removed or color matched by a professional contractor free of charge. Otherwise the property owner will be asked to remove the graffiti within 7 days.

**If I have a code violation on my property how long will Code Enforcement give me to remove the violation?**

Generally, the property owner or tenant will be given 14 days initially to abate any violations. If more time is needed time extensions may be granted.

**How do I turn in a complaint?**

You may call Code Enforcement at 240-7560 or you may turn in a complaint electronically through the Town's website at [www.applevalley.org](http://www.applevalley.org) click on the drop down menu named "I Want To" then click on report a problem or complaint.

**What information is required to turn in a complaint?**

You will need the address of the property you are complaining about, a description of the violation, and you will need to give your name address and phone number for a complaint to be taken. Code Enforcement does not accept anonymous complaints. All information is kept confidential.

**What is considered a nuisance?**

The following list may be considered nuisances (list is not all inclusive):

- Animal waste
- Hazardous pools, ponds and excavations
- More than 6 vehicles in public view
- Clotheslines in the front yard
- Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment
- Toxic materials, hazardous waste, or chemicals
- Neglected machinery
- Abandoned or broken equipment

- Any vehicle or trailer parked for the primary purpose of advertising
- Vehicles, boats, campers or trailers that encroach upon the town's right of way
- Unsightly refuse and waste
- Packing boxes or debris stored in the yard and visible to the street
- Any nuisance potentially detrimental to children including any abandoned wells, shafts, basements or excavations; abandoned refrigerators and motor vehicles; any structurally unsound fences or structures; or any lumber, trash, fences, debris or vegetation which may prove a hazard for inquisitive minors
- Fencing made of plywood, particleboard, garage doors are prohibited. Plastic tarps or canvas are prohibited screening materials
- Overgrown vegetation likely to harbor rats or vermin especially causing a hazardous condition to pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic
- Dead trees, weeds, or debris.
- Buildings abandoned, boarded up, partially destroyed or in a state of partial construction for more than 30 days; building exteriors defective, unsightly, in a state of disrepair or deterioration.
- Unpainted buildings or portions of buildings or structures causing dry rot, warping and termite infestation
- Broken windows constituting hazardous conditions and inviting trespassers and malicious mischief

**Complaints not handled by Code Enforcement.**

1. Animal control issues? Please contact Animal Control. 240-7000 x 7555
2. Rodent infestations
3. Cockroaches or bug infestations
4. Landlord tenant disputes about dirty carpet, chipped paint, air conditioner not working, burned out light bulbs etc.
5. Unoccupied recreational vehicle being parked in the front yard on private property
6. Unlicensed or delinquent plates on vehicles parked on private property
7. Missing window screens
8. Screens or doors that won't lock