



City of Osawatomie

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Yard Maintenance Regulations

Yard maintenance is the responsibility of every homeowner and tenant. Overgrowth of weeds, brush, grass and vines can not only be unsightly, but can harbor rodents, snakes, mosquitos and trash. In the heat of summer weeds and grass can become very dry, and pose a potentially dangerous fire hazard

Overgrowth of Weeds, Grass and Brush

City Code 8-401 requires all grass and weeds be kept under 12 inches. Failure to maintain property will result in a violation and the owner or tenant will be given ten days to abate the violation.

If the violation has not been corrected in the ten days following the receipt of the notice, the city will abate the violation. Only one notice will be sent on a property per year

Costs associated with any abatement will be billed to the owner. The property will be charged \$200 for every hour spent on yard maintenance.

After a lot has been mown by the city it will continue to be maintained and billed as it becomes in violation of City Ordinance.



Grass Clippings

There shall be no yard debris deposited and left upon any highway, road, street, or alley within the City of Osawatomie. It is the responsibility of the property manager to remove or clean all yard debris left following completion of the work. Grass clippings can clog storm drains and the storm sewer system, which may result in street flooding.

The City of Osawatomie offers a free Forestry Disposal Site located east of the city's power plant at the North end of John Brown Park. The disposal site may be used to dispose of grass clippings, tree limbs, leaves and brush free of charge. Leaves and grass must be loose or in paper bags.

Prior to dumping, each load must be inspected at the City Power Plant. Users must check-in at the City Power Plant where city personnel stand ready to assist at the public's convenience during disposal site hours of operation.

For more information related to nuisances and a map to the forestry disposal site visit www.osawatomieks.org.

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