



Remember...

- ⇒ A well maintained yard increases the curb appeal of your property and your neighborhood.
- ⇒ A well maintained yard reduces the potential for harborage of rodents and other pests or insects.
- ⇒ A well maintained yard does not need to be a fancy yard or cost a lot of money.
- ⇒ A well maintained yard increases the level of community pride for all Salina citizens.
- ⇒ A yard that is regularly maintained by the property owner (or tenant) is much less costly than having the City order a mowing and/or clean up abatement.



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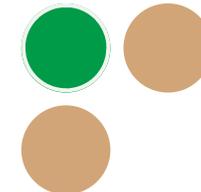
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The Property Maintenance Code for the City of Salina (*Ch. 31 of the Salina Municipal Code*) requires the owner, agent or occupant to **maintain all premises free from weeds or turf grass in excess of eight inches (8")** and free from all growth of noxious weeds. These requirements also extend into the right-of-way areas of the property. Please contact Development Services staff for more information about the requirements to mow right-of-way areas.



What can I do if my neighbors are not taking care of their yard?

If you observe that the overall yard area contains grass and/or weeds in excess of 8 inches in height, you can report your concern to the City of Salina by filing a citizen complaint. These types of complaints are taken

by Development Services/Neighborhood Services staff at **785-309-5720**. You will need to provide the correct physical address of the property that may be in violation in order for staff to take your complaint. Once a complaint is received, a code enforcement officer will perform an inspection to confirm whether or not a violation exists. If a violation exists the code enforcement officer will notify the property owner.



Notice of Violation

Whenever the code enforcement officer determines there has been a violation or has grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, a one-time yearly written notice of violation and order of abatement (“notice and order”) shall be given to the property owner. Notices are mailed via certified mail.

The one time yearly notice and order shall provide information sufficient to reasonably allow the recipient to determine the nature of the actions required to abate the violation by cutting or destroying weeds or overgrowth within ten (10) days.

If there are subsequent grass and weeds violations in the same year, the City will immediately order abatement without further notice to the property owner. The costs of the abatement will be billed to the property owner. ***This applies even if the property owner or tenant mows after receiving the first notice.***



What does the City charge if they mow?

When the code enforcement officer orders an abatement, the cost of the mowing plus administrative costs are billed to the property owner.

These costs can be significant and are certain to be greater than the cost for a property owner or tenant to take responsibility for performing regular mowing and yard maintenance.