

## TRASH & RECYCLING REMOVAL & STORAGE

1. Trash and recycling carts shall not be placed on the terrace\*/curb more than 12 hours before the day of collection. MGO 10.18(1)
2. All trash and recycling carts shall be removed from the terrace/curb within 24 hours after the day of collection. MGO 10.18(6)
3. Trash and recycling containers shall be stored at the rear of the building. MGO 7.36
4. The owner of every building shall be responsible for supplying adequate trash and recycling facilities. MGO 27.04(2)(c)

### NOTE:

1. Property owners can obtain additional City of Madison Trash and Recycling carts by calling Streets West (266-4681) or Streets East (246-4532).
2. The Streets Department will **ONLY** pick up trash and recycling in the City supplied carts. Materials outside the cart **WILL NOT** be collected.
3. Trash, recycling and large items must be placed 4' apart from each other.
4. Many appliances, vehicle tires and rims require a sticker for City pick-up.
5. The Streets Division now has single-stream recycling. This means you can place all recyclable material in your recycle cart.

Questions about recycling can be answered by calling Streets West (266-4681), Streets East (246-4532) or the City Recycling Coordinator (267-2626).

\* The terrace is the area between the sidewalk and the street.

## LAWNS

1. Grass/weeds shall be maintained to a height not to exceed eight inches; this includes the terrace. MGO 27.05(2)(f)
2. Maintain all plantings so as not to obstruct the public sidewalk. MGO 271.05(2)(f)

## EXTERIOR PROPERTY AREA

All exterior property areas shall be properly maintained in a clean and sanitary condition free from debris, rubbish, garbage, physical hazards, rodent harborage and infestation. MGO 27.05(2)(c)

## ANIMAL FECES

All animal feces shall be removed within 24 hours. Call the Public Health Department, Animal Control Section, at 267-1989 with complaints or for information about disposal.

## SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

Madison City Ordinances requires that public sidewalks be cleared of all snow and ice not later than 12:00 noon the day after the snow or ice has accumulated. Days end and begin at 12:00 midnight.

### **THERE ARE NO WARNINGS GIVEN FOR THIS VIOLATION.**

When public sidewalks are found in violation, the property owner is issued a fine in the form of a citation. The owner has until 8:00 a.m. the following morning to remove all snow and ice. Failure to do so will cause the City crews to do the work with costs assessed against the property.

The inspectors are looking for reasonably safe conditions. In cases where ice has formed on the sidewalks and cannot be removed, the property owner must use salt, sand or other abrasive substance to effectively eliminate the hazard. Property owners on a corner lot are required to clear the portion of a sidewalk or curb ramp that leads to the crosswalk on the street and must keep it clear.

To make a complaint or for more information, call Building Inspection at 266-4551, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. MGO 10.28

## COMPOSTING

Composting is a great way to keep organic matter out of the waste stream. All composting must be contained at least 3' away from lot lines and structures. For basic guidelines, call 267-2626 or visit City of Madison Streets Department website: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/index.cfm>. For Health Department regulations, call 266-4681.

## VEHICLES

All vehicles parked on residential lots must be operable and must have current license plates. MGO 28.1(3)

## YARD WASTE & BRUSH

Yard waste and brush should not be set out for regular trash pickup.

**Yard Waste** (small twigs, grass clippings, leaves, plant stalks, etc.) is collected in April and again in October. Yard waste drop-off sites are available at 4602 Sycamore, 1501 West Badger Road, and 402 South Point Road. For more information, call or visit website.



**Brush** is collected once a month or may be dropped off year round at 1501 West Badger Road or 4602 Sycamore Avenue. For more information and the collection schedule, call 267-2088.

When yard waste, grass clippings and / or leaves are placed in the streets they can be washed into our lakes where the nutrients contribute to algae growth. This is one of the reasons Madison General Ordinances 10.17 and 10.18(7)(d) prohibit the placement of yard waste, grass clippings, leaves and brush in or upon any public street in the City of Madison.

## FENCES, WALKS, ETC.

Fences, walks, driveways, parking areas, other minor construction, etc., shall be properly maintained in a safe, sanitary and substantial condition. MGO 27.05(2)(d)

## PLANTING ON TERRACE

No planting(s) on the terrace may be in excess of eight inches (8") in height within 24 inches from the back of the curb. No planting(s) of any type may be in excess of 24 inches in height beyond the 24 inches back from the curb. MGO 10.25(3)

## GRAFFITI

One part of effective graffiti vandalism control is quick, consistent removal of graffiti messages. Graffiti must be removed from all exterior property and the removal is the responsibility of the property owner. To report graffiti on private property, call 266-4551; on public property, call 246-4532. MGO 27.05(2)(v)

## Message from the TENANT RESOURCE CENTER and the MADISON AREA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION:

Property owners have a duty and an obligation to see to it that local trash storage and removal ordinances are followed. This means being aware of the trash pickup day in the area, the day and time garbage may be left at the curb and the time that cans must be removed from curbside for storage.

Tenants need to take on some responsibility as well. On some leases tenants have specific duties such as keeping yards and sidewalks clean or snow-free. In such cases where tenants are fully or partially responsible for trash storage and removal, property owners should advise their residents as to the proper procedures at THE BEGINNING OF THE LEASE TERM. All rules and responsibilities should be spelled out in writing and signed by both parties at the time of "check-in."

Where tenants and owners can help most is by getting garbage and trash out on the right day, in containers acceptable for pickup and removing trash containers within the allotted time frame. Don't let your garbage become your neighbor's problem.

We're all working together to make downtown neighborhoods a great place to live. With your help, we can keep it that way all year long.

# Exterior Property Enforcement Guide



HELP BUILD STRONG & HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS

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