

## TRASH, RECYCLING, AND CART STORAGE

1. Trash and recycling carts shall not be placed on the terrace (area between street and sidewalk) 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 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:

Additional questions about recycling can be answered by calling Streets West (266-4681), Streets East (246-4532) or the City Recycling Coordinator (267-2626). To obtain additional City of Madison trash and recycling carts, please contact your local Streets Department.

The Streets Department will **ONLY** pick up trash and recycling in the City supplied carts. Materials outside the cart **WILL NOT** be collected.

Many appliances, vehicle tires and rims require a sticker for City pick-up. TVs, CPUs and monitors are no longer collected.

## VEHICLES

All vehicles parked on residential lots must be operable and must have current license plates. MGO 28.141(10)(d)

## FENCES, WALKS, DRIVEWAYS, 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)

## TREES

All private trees, not located in the terrace area, shall be maintained in good health and not encroach onto any building or structure, and may not obstruct the sidewalk lower than 7 feet. Any trees encroaching onto structures or sidewalks, or any diseased, dying, or dead trees or branches shall be trimmed or removed as necessary. MGO 27.05(2)(f) and MGO 27.05(3)(b)(1)

## LAWNS AND PLANTINGS

1. Grass shall be maintained to a height not to exceed eight inches; this includes the terrace. MGO 27.05(2)(f)
2. All plantings shall be maintained so as not to obstruct the public sidewalk. MGO 27.05(2)(f)
3. All noxious weeds shall be destroyed and eliminated, including any thistles, ragweed, burdock, and poison ivy. MGO 23.29

## 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)

## YARD WASTE AND BRUSH

Yard waste and brush should not be set out for regular trash pickup. Placement of yard waste, grass clippings and / or leaves in the street is prohibited. MGO 10.17 and MGO 10.18(7)(d)

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.

Brush is collected once a month or may be dropped off year round at 1501 West Badger Road or



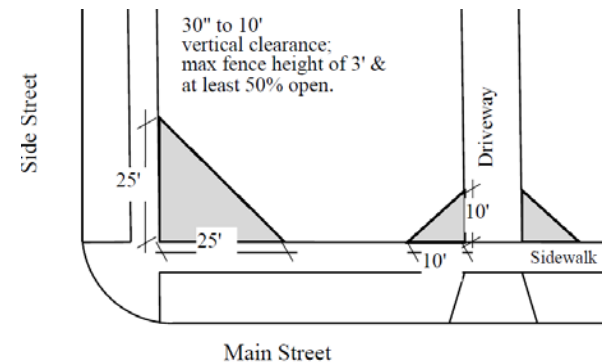
4602 Sycamore Avenue. For more information and the collection schedule, call 267-2088.

## COMPOSTING

1. All compost piles, other than compost piles consisting solely of yard waste, excluding fruit, shall be enclosed in a free standing compost bin and be no larger in volume than one hundred twenty-five (125) cubic feet, and be no taller than five (5) feet. MGO 7.361(3)(a)
2. No compost pile or bin shall be located in any yard except a rear yard. All piles or bins shall be placed between the rear building wall, excluding all portions of a building which are occupied seasonally, and the rear lot line extended to the side lot line. MGO 7.361(3)(d)

## VISION CLEARANCE

Within any vision clearance triangle, other than at a railroad crossing, screening, planting, fences or other obstructions are not permitted between a height of thirty (30) inches and ten (10) feet above the curb level or its equivalent, with the exception of fences a maximum of three (3) feet in height and at least fifty percent (50%) open to vision. MGO27.05(2)(bb)



## PLANTINGS ON TERRACE

1. Any non-woody plantings that are commonly found in vegetable gardens, flower gardens or landscaping are allowed. Landscaping features

meant to protect approved plantings, such as mulch, small rocks or other similar features, shall be allowed provided the materials are stable, do not create any potential public safety hazard, and are easily removable. Temporary wire fencing, lattices, vegetable cages and the like are permissible. MGO10.25 (2)(a) and MGO10.25 (2)(b)

2. No person shall plant or maintain or cause to be planted or maintained on any terrace any plant or shrub in excess of twenty-four (24) inches in height or within a distance of twenty-four (24) inches from the back of the curb unless necessary to control erosion of the soil. MGO 10.25(3)

### GRAFFITI

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)

### SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

MGO 10.28 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. Failure to clear the public sidewalk may also result in the City directing crews to satisfactorily clear the sidewalk, with the cost of the work assessed against the property in addition to the fine.

Inspectors are looking for reasonably safe conditions. When 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 until the ice can be

removed. 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.

### 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.

**This pamphlet contains a summary of information only. For more information or to make a complaint please go to [www.cityofmadison.com/bi](http://www.cityofmadison.com/bi) or call Building Inspection at 266-4551 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday**

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# Exterior Property Enforcement Guide



**HELP BUILD STRONG & HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS**

**Clean - Safe - Accessible**

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