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Neighborhood Standards: Common Examples

Neighborhood standards are determined by the expectations and behaviors of residents living in a community. In other words, what is acceptable and reinforced (the do's) and unacceptable and discouraged (the don'ts).

Neighborhood standards generally focus on the physical image of the neighborhood and how it is perceived from an aesthetic as well as a market standpoint. Neighborhood standards are tied directly to community pride. The presence or absence of community pride can be evident by the appearance of an entire neighborhood, a block, or random properties throughout a neighborhood. Attracting new residents and investment to your neighborhood will be determined by the messages you send.

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Below are examples of standards that have been adopted by communities around the United States. You and your neighbors may determine others are needed or not needed.

DO's

- Cut grass once a week, edge sidewalks, trim and mulch landscaping.
- Empty excess water collecting in pots, buckets and containers that can attract and breed mosquitoes.
- Display house numbers properly.
- Use only outdoor furniture for porches and other outdoor seating.
- Clean-up after your pets.
- Schedule bulky items for pick-up.
- Plant flowers.
- Maintain the exterior of the house and clean the gutters.
- Light the porch properly.

DON'Ts

- Park your car on the front lawn.
- Store excess trash and debris around your home.
- Play loud music after 10:00 p.m.
- Park inoperable vehicles on your property.
- Forget to retrieve trash containers by midnight on your collection day.
- Allow your dog to bark excessively.
- Pour contaminants down the storm drain.
- Let landscaping become over grown.

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