

Help us Keep Suwanee a great place to live!

Suwanee is already an award-winning community, recognized twice by **Money** magazine as one of America's best places to live. The City's Code Enforcement staff works to enhance the quality of life, health, safety, and economy of the City by enforcing regulations that preserve and protect neighborhoods and the well-being of residents. Staff members promote voluntary compliance through partnerships with citizens, community groups and other agencies.

Suwanee's Code Enforcement Officers regularly patrol the City to identify property maintenance violations and enforce compliance with City codes. If you would like to report a concern about a property in your area, contact Susan Carpenter at 770/904-2798 or send an email to scarpen@suwanee.com.

Thank you for keeping
Suwanee a great place to
live... work... and play!

How does Code Enforcement achieve compliance?

Suwanee's Code Enforcement philosophy encourages voluntary compliance. We find that most citizens will correct a violation after receiving verbal or written notification of the problem. If voluntary compliance is not achieved, actions that may be taken include:

Abatement—The City will correct a public nuisance, such as an unsecured swimming pool or tall grass. The property owner may be billed or fined for the work performed, and liens may be placed on the property.

Court Citation—Violators who are issued a citation must appear in court and face possible monetary penalties. Fines begin at \$100 and go up to \$1,000 per violation, per day.



Keep Suwanee A 'Neat' Place to Live



City of Suwanee
Working in partnership with
residents and businesses
to promote and maintain
clean, safe, and desirable
living and working
environments.

Suwanee's Property Maintenance Requirements

This brochure highlights some of the major provisions of the City of Suwanee's property maintenance codes in order to enhance understanding and cooperation between the Code Enforcement Division and Suwanee citizens. Please use this guide to ensure compliance with City codes and to help preserve property values in your neighborhood and throughout Suwanee.



Inoperable Vehicles

All vehicles must be operable and currently licensed or kept in an enclosed garage. No vehicle may be stored outside in a state of disrepair.



Vehicle Parking

Vehicles may not be parked on any lawn/yard area. All vehicle parking areas and driveways shall be paved with concrete or asphalt.



Trash and Debris

Any worn out, broken, or worthless item, garbage, waste, trash, or other similar debris may not be thrown, deposited, or allowed to accumulate on any property. Dead, broken, or fallen limbs must also be removed from property.



Grass and Weeds

Overgrown weeds and grass can cause habitat problems, providing breeding grounds for mosquitoes and rodents. Tall grass and weeds also negatively influence property values and quality of life. In addition, noxious weeds such as poison ivy can cause health problems. Grass and weeds must be maintained at a height of 12" or less, and any noxious weeds must be removed.



Outside Storage

Miscellaneous items stored outside must be fully screened from view from any adjacent property by a wall, fence, or landscaping. Screening must be constructed and maintained within applicable City codes. Exempt items include patio furniture, swing sets and similar equipment, as well as neatly stacked firewood.



Exterior Maintenance

Exterior property areas must be weather-tight and rodent-proof. They must be maintained free of rotted wood, holes, peeling paint, broken windows or doors, and be kept in safe and sanitary condition.



Signs

Signs are not allowed in or on any City right-of-way, utility pole, or traffic device. Signs placed on rights-of-way will be removed without warning or notice. Please contact the City Code Enforcement Officer for more details.



Building Permits

Building permits are required for additions, sheds over 120 square feet, and most decks, as well as electrical, plumbing, structural, demolition and mechanical work. Please check with the City's Inspections department at 770/945-8996 before doing any work to see if a permit is required.



Pools of Water

Standing water can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Ponds, swimming pools, gutters, buckets, or other receptacles must be maintained free of trash and debris, and must be kept free of rank standing water.



Storm Water

Pollution Prevention

No person shall discharge, leave deposit, or allow the accumulation of any substance into any drainage or storm water sewer system. Remember, **if it's not rain, it shouldn't go in the storm drain.**

**To report a complaint or
for more information about**

City codes:

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At 770/904-2798

send an email to

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