

# CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPLIANCE

The City of Suwanee's code enforcement division 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. Suwanee's code enforcement philosophy encourages voluntary compliance through partnerships with citizens, community groups, and other agencies.

## Step 1: VERBAL OR WRITTEN NOTIFICATION

The property owner will be advised of the issue so that they may voluntarily address it.

## Step 2: ABATEMENT

City staff will correct a public nuisance and bill the property owner for the work performed. Liens may be placed on the property.

## Step 3: 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.



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:

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

770-904-2126

[CodeEnforcement@suwanee.com](mailto:CodeEnforcement@suwanee.com)



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN CLEAN, SAFE, AND DESIRABLE LIVING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENTS.



# SUWANEЕ'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 and businesses. Please use this guide to ensure compliance with city codes and to help preserve property values in your neighborhood and throughout Suwanee.



## GRASS AND WEEDS

Overgrown weeds and grass provide breeding grounds for mosquitoes and rodents and negatively influence property values. 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 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.

## 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.

## EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

Exterior property areas must be weathertight 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.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required for additions, sheds over 120 sq. ft., 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 is 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 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.

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