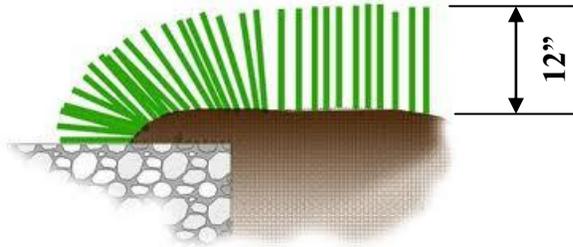


Knox County Code Administration ★ Inspection ★ Enforcement

Dirty Lot Fact Sheet Handout

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Lawns need to be maintained. Grass is overgrown when it exceeds 12”.



Open storage of trash is prohibited in a residential area.

Overgrown Grass Complaint – When grass is overgrown by more than 12”, in a residential area, it is in violation of the dirty lot ordinance.

Dirty Lot Complaint – open storage of garbage, building materials, rubbish, brush, tires, automotive parts, junk or debris is prohibited in a residential area.

ENFORCEMENT:

- A Code Enforcement Officer inspects the property that a complaint was issued against. If the property is in violation, then it is posted for a dirty lot violation and/or the owner is given a notice of violation and/or notified by certified mail.
- Ten (10) days after the violation, the property is re-inspected for conformance. Large clean up jobs may be given 30 days for cleanup.
- A property owner that is still in violation after the ten (10) day notice expires can be given an extension at the Officer’s discretion if progress is being made or if extenuating circumstances are apparent.
- If the property owner does not comply (once given reasonable time) the property will be turned over to Engineering and Public Works for clean up. The incurred cleanup cost is billed to the property owner.