



## TOWN OF WAINWRIGHT

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**Policy Subject/Title:** COMMUNITY STANDARD POLICY

**Signature of Approval by Authorized Personnel:**

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Ray Poulin, Municipal Administrator

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### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a guideline as to what is considered to be the community's standard for the maintenance of land and buildings within the Town of Wainwright. This policy is designed to assist the Municipal Enforcement Officer in determining what would be considered a nuisance and untidy or unsightly property.

### **PROCEDURES:**

The following shall be considered a standard to which the residents of our community expect to see land and buildings maintained to:

#### **OVERGROWN GRASS AND WEEDS**

The owner or occupant of land shall not cause or permit the land to be overgrown with grass or weeds. For the purpose of this standard "overgrown" means in excess of 15 centimeters (6 inches).

This standard does not apply to any growth which forms part of a natural garden that has been deliberately planted to produce ground cover, including one or more species of wildflowers, shrubs, perennials, grasses or combinations of them, whether native or non-native, consistent with a managed and natural landscape other than regularly mown grass.

## YARD MAINTENANCE

1. A yard shall be kept free and clean from the following garbage and junk which includes the accumulation of used lumber, cardboard, paper, newspapers, appliances, furniture, tires, cans, barrels, scrap metal or other waste materials. The following also apply:
  - Limit of one unlicensed operable vehicle on residential property;
  - No junked vehicles are permitted in residential or commercial land use districts. The definition of a junked vehicle means any automobile, tractor, truck, trailer or other vehicle that has no valid license plate and is in rusted, wrecked, partly wrecked, dismantled, partly dismantled, inoperative or abandoned condition. This standard does not apply where the vehicle is completely stored within a structure and is not visible.
  - Limit of four (4) tires providing that they are stacked neatly and are re-useable.
  - Building supplies and metal are permitted only if they are neatly stacked and the material is re-usable. Any building materials such as lumber and scrap metal shall be neatly stacked in piles which are elevated off the ground to prevent harbouring of rodents, vermin and insects.
2. Holes and excavations in yards that could cause an accident or injury are to be filled in.
3. Dead or hazardous trees are to be cut down.
4. A yard shall be graded to prevent excessive ponding of water and excessive dampness around buildings and structures.
5. Every building shall be provided with a sufficient number of waste receptacles or bins in accordance with the provisions of the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw.

## FENCES

Fences shall be maintained in a safe and reasonable state of repair.

## ACCESSORY BUILDINGS

Accessory buildings shall be kept in good repair and free of health, fire and safety hazards.