

# TOWN OF JUPITER

## Know Your Town Codes

Are you familiar with your Town Codes?

The Town's Code Compliance Division sits within the Jupiter Police Department and works with residents and businesses to promote and maintain safe and desirable living and working environments. This community safeguarding is achieved through both initial and follow-up inspections. Below is a listing of the top ten code violations cited in the past year by Town Code Compliance officers.

### **1. Prohibited Signs**

These include, but are not limited to, portable signs, pennants, A-frames, balloons, streamers, animated or emitting signs, roof and window signs, and painted wall signs. Banners are allowed only with a special permit and for a limited time. All legal signage requires a permit.

### **2. Illegal Parking**

Boats, campers and trailers must be stored in the side yard behind the front leading edge of the house, or in the rear yard. Only one of each item is allowed and cannot be stored in the front yard or driveway. Vehicles of any type have some restrictions about where they can be parked in a residential yard. Commercial vehicles are not permitted to be parked in a residential area in excess of one hour, unless engaged in legitimate loading or unloading activities.

### **3. Mowing and Landscape Maintenance**

Grass and weeds cannot exceed 8 inches in height for residential areas, 6 inches for commercial areas or 12 inches in height on vacant lots. A permit may be required to remove trees and shrubs or to clear land. Trees and shrubs cannot be severely hacked or pruned back to maintain growth at a reduced height.

### **4. Illegal Accumulation, Disposal and Dumping**

The accumulation and disposal of abandoned property, debris, refuse and waste products on public or private land is a public nuisance and potential health hazard.

### **5. Vehicles in Neighborhoods**

Vehicles stored on property must have a valid license plate and registration, and must be capable of being driven on public streets. It is unlawful for anyone to place or leave on public or private property any junked, abandoned, inoperative or unregistered vehicles.

### **6. Designated Nuisances**

These include the accumulation of filth, overgrown vegetation, and things that generally threaten public health, safety, and welfare. Also prohibited are structures with weakened integrity that are not functioning as originally intended.

### **7. Garbage and Recycling**

Garbage cans, recycling containers, vegetative waste and debris may be placed at curbside starting at noon on the day prior to pick-up. All containers must be removed from curbside no later than midnight on the day of pick-up.

### **8. Building Permits**

Permits are required for signage, construction, fences, driveways, electrical, plumbing, AC, water heaters, and other structures. Always check with the Building Department at 561-741-2286 before starting a project.

### **9. Exterior Building Maintenance**

All dwelling structures must be watertight, weatherproof, rodent proof, insect proof and in good repair.

### **10. Fence and Wall Maintenance**

All fences and free-standing walls must be maintained in good repair, free of material defects that include but are not limited to leaning, discoloration, rips, holes, tears, missing slats, cracks, breaks and rotted material.

If you have questions for the Town of Jupiter's Code Compliance Division, please call 561-741-2477.

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