



Welcome to Bloomfield Township

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As a new resident, we are providing you with information below that we hope you find beneficial, and we always welcome your call any time you have questions regarding ordinance requirements and/or property maintenance.

Ordinance Division (248) 594-2845

Ordinance Q & A

Do I need a permit to have a Garage Sale?

No. However, we do have some general guidelines:

- No balloons, banners or extra fanfare
- Limit the number of sales to 2-3 per year.
- Traffic and parking must be maintained in an orderly fashion
- Signs are to be placed on the premises only - not posted on traffic signs, utility poles or to block the vision of intersections.
- Please remove any signs that are put out each day at the end of the sale.
- No outside merchandise may be brought in for the sale.

Can I store my boat, RV, motor-home, and/or trailer on my property?

No, this is prohibited per our Open Storage Ordinance, Sec. 42-5.5. However, we do try to offer some leniency to our residents if you call to notify us in advance that you will be bringing a boat, RV, or trailer, etc. home for a few days to make repairs and/or prepare for a vacation, etc. In these instances, we will allow the aforementioned item(s) to remain on site for a few days only, providing we do not receive any complaints from other residents. The storage of these items inside a garage is permitted.

Are bonfires and/or firepits permitted within the Township?

Bonfires, as well as the burning of trash, leaves, or construction materials, etc., are prohibited. However, the Township does allow the burning of wood in a "small container manufactured for the purpose of containing small recreational fires." Please refer to our Fire Code, Chapter 16, Article II, Sec. 16-27 for the conditions that apply to this Ordinance.

My neighbor's tree fell onto my property. Whose responsibility is it to clean it up and/or remove the tree?

The Township does not become involved in these types of situations. If this is not something you can come to an agreement on with your neighbor, then this will become a civil matter between you, and you will need to seek court action for a resolution.



Ordinance Q & A

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Does the Township allow fences?

We would encourage you to check with your homeowners association first to find out what their restrictions may be.

The Township does allow fences up to four (4) ft. in height, restricted to side and rear yards only. This type of fencing will only require a permit from the Township's Building Division.

However, anything over four (4) ft. in height or within a front yard will require approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to being installed, in addition to a permit.

Please note: All fences to be utilized for the purpose of containing a dog(s) will be required to get approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals, in addition to a permit, even if they meet our animal containment setback requirements (16 ft. from side lot lines & 25 ft. from rear property lines). The only EXCEPTION to this rule is invisible fencing, which only requires a permit, as long as it complies with our animal containment setback requirements (as noted above). For more information on animal containment, refer to Ordinance Chapter 8, Article II.

Can I put a shed in my yard?

Sheds are considered an accessory structure; therefore Zoning Board of Appeals approval must be obtained prior to installation (regardless of size or location). If the Zoning Board of Appeals approves your request, then a permit must be obtained through our Building Division. Before installing any structure (such as a trellis, statue, sculpture, retaining/landscape walls, etc.), contact the Ordinance Division to find out what approvals may be necessary. In addition, we would encourage you to check with your homeowners association first to find out what their restrictions may be.

I want to cut some trees on my property. Is this allowed?

The Township has an extensive Tree Preservation ordinance that regulates tree removal. Trees contribute to the character of the community and are an important asset to our ecosystem. Many different factors contribute to the allowance of tree removal and in some cases a tree permit will be required. Violations of this ordinance can be costly, so it is imperative that you contact the Township prior to any cutting. Refer to the Clearzoning Ordinance Sec. 45-5.14 for the complete ordinance.

Everyday our Code Enforcement Officers investigate complaints generated by residents and patrol the community recording violations.

This process entails documentation and digital photography.

Residents may submit complaints to the Ordinance Department at any time. This can be done in person at Township Hall, on our website using the "Complaint Form," via email, or mail, or over the phone.

Please understand that the process to remedy any given situation generally takes several weeks or longer.

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A Residential Guide to Property Maintenance

1 Grass

Grass must be mowed and no higher than 8 inches tall.

2 Clean Yard

Property will be well kept, clean and free from loose trash and debris.

3 Trees

Trees and shrubs will be well-maintained.

4 Right of Way (ROW)

The right of way must remain free of objects, such as signs and boulders.

5 Parking

All vehicles must be parked on an approved surface. No vehicles are allowed to be parked on the grass. Vehicle for sale signs are also not permitted.

6 Vehicles

Vehicles must be in working condition, fully assembled and have current license and registration information. Junk and inoperable vehicles are not permitted.

7 Fences

All fences must be well-maintained and in vertical position. Incomplete fencing is not permitted.

8 Paint and Siding

Paint must be well-maintained without chipping, and siding must be intact and in good repair.

9 Gutters and Drainage

All gutters must be in good working condition. Storm water must be discharged so that it does not pond in yards, courts or open areas. This includes drainage from sump pumps.

10 Outdoor Storage

Lawn furniture, firewood and landscape material must be stored in a neat and orderly manner. All other items, including lawn maintenance tools and trash, may not be stored outside.

11 Landscaping

Landscaping must be well-maintained. Cultivated beds must be regularly maintained by planting and tending, along with the removal of excessive weed growth.

12 Trash

Trash cans may not be set out at the curb earlier than 12 noon the day before collection, and must be removed from the curb within 12 hours of service. All trash, recycling and yard waste containers must be stored inside and out of public view when not out for collection.



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