



Grass Season Runs from May 1 to October 31

District regulations prohibit property owners (commercial and residential) from allowing grass and weeds on their premises to grow more than 10 inches in height. Failing to adhere to the rule could lead to fines of more than \$500. Between May 1 and October 31, DCRA can immediately mow properties and issues fines.

Tall grass can trigger respiratory problems like asthma and allergies in District residents and rats and other vermin are also drawn to the over-growth. This holds serious public health implications.

Weeds may be defined as any vegetation at any state of maturity that:

- Exceeds more than **10 inches in height**, is untended, or creates a dense area of shrubbery that is a detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the public;
- Creates a harbor (including hiding places for persons), or provides a place to conceal refuse or trash, regardless of height;
- Develops into deposits, or accumulation of, refuse or trash;
- Harbors rodents and vermin or provides a refuge for snakes, rats or other rodents;
- Creates an unpleasant or noxious odor;
- Constitutes a fire hazard; or
- Contains grass or weeds that are dead and diseased.

HOW TO REPORT OVERGROWTH

DCRA cleaning the property and billing the owner for cost of the cleanup. Residents should report suspected violations to DCRA at (202) 442-9557 or email complaints to dcra.housingcomplaints@dc.gov.

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