

# Be Informed

This brochure has been developed to explain some of St. Petersburg's housing and neighborhood standards. Our first priority is to help residents voluntarily comply with these standards. If you receive a violation notice, we recommend that you take positive action to resolve any violations. Also contact your Codes Investigator with any questions about violations and what must be done to correct them. The following additional brochures are available:



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# Junk, Rubbish, and Outdoor Storage

The City code regulating outdoor storage has been adopted in order to:

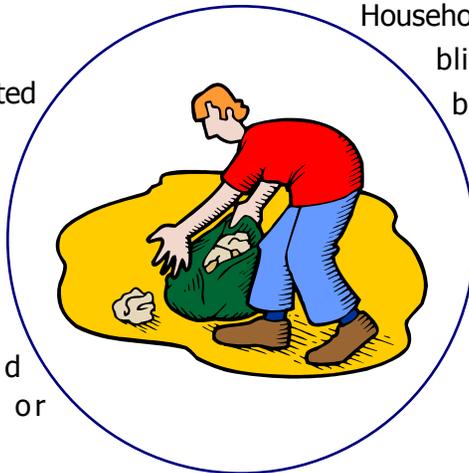
- allow appropriate storage of certain items outside
- control inappropriate storage of items outside of legal storage structures
- eliminate hazards that could attract and endanger children who play in the neighborhood
- improve the appearance of neighborhoods
- protect property values

There are limits to what can be left out in the yard. Ordinarily, any equipment, materials, or furnishings that are not used outdoors may not be stored outdoors.

Also, discarded items cannot be left in the yard, but should be collected and disposed of properly.

Some examples of prohibited outdoor storage are:

- Auto parts and tires
- Building materials
- Tree trimmings and limbs, yard clippings
- Appliances and furniture
- Paper, plastic and cardboard debris or containers
- Other trash and debris



Items such as a barbeque grill, lawn furniture designed to be left out in the weather, garden tools, outdoor play equipment or a lawn mower may be stored outside in an orderly fashion. Firewood may be stored outdoors provided it is stacked on open racks at least 18 inches above the ground.

## Solving the Problem

Trash such as paper, plastics and yard clippings can be deposited in your residential trash container. Yard clippings, tree trimmings and limbs, newspaper, aluminum cans, and glass or plastic bottles can be recycled.

Household items such as old carpet, blinds, furniture, appliances, bicycles, swing sets, etc., can be picked up from your curbside by the City's Sanitation Department. Call (727) 893-7398 to schedule a special pick up.



Do not put items on the curb for pick up until the morning of the scheduled special collection. One or two household items will usually not involve an additional charge. Ask about fees when you request the pickup. Items that you want to keep can be stored in the house, a fully enclosed garage, or other legally constructed, fully enclosed structure.

## Violation Notice

The owner or occupant of a property where junk, rubbish or other items are inappropriately stored is notified by the City in writing that there are violations. The notice usually provides 10 days to correct the violations. If violations are not corrected by the specified date, the City may take appropriate legal action which may result in fines or liens against the property owner.