

UNSIGHTLY PROPERTIES/BUILDINGS

Vehicles



- Properties are not to have surplus, disused, damaged or stored vehicles, trailers, motorcycles, bicycles or boats
- This includes recreational vehicles and any such items that are inoperative by reason of despair, removed or missing parts, age, damage, or which are otherwise not in a legally roadworthy or functioning condition

KEEP PROPERTIES TIDY!

Owners and Occupants must ensure there is a neat and orderly storage of the materials on the property.

Build up of brush, wood piles, or old building materials, must be cleaned up as these make great homes for unwanted critters.



An accumulation of discarded or dilapidated furniture or household appliances, scrap metals, scrap lumber, tires, and motor vehicle parts must be disposed of properly.



These items may not be placed in the alleyway or beside dumpsters! Items placed in the alleyway, outside of the designated carts, may result in a fine up to \$500.00!

Buildings/Structures

Owners need to ensure that old unoccupied residences, sheds, garages and other buildings that are no longer in use or in safe condition are demolished and removed, or restored to a safe usable condition in accordance with Building Standards and Codes and with the required demolition or building permits.

Notices issued for dangerous structures will provide the owner with (30) thirty days to have the work completed.

PENALTIES

Town of Taber Nuisance Bylaw No. 13-2021

First offense \$100.00

Second offense \$200.00

Third and Subsequent offenses \$400.00

Town of Taber Waste Bylaw No. 3-2018

S.33 Dump waste within Town limits \$500.00

ENFORCEMENT

If a property has been determined to be in breach of a bylaw, an officer may issue a fine to the owner/occupant and/or a Notice/Order to Comply.



What is a Notice/Order To Comply?

A Notice/Order to Comply is a written order that the Municipal Government act has authorized designated officers to utilize.

The notice will be provided to the home owner or occupant residing at the property. If there is no answer at the door, or the property is a vacant lot, the notice will be placed on the property in a conspicuous place.

The notice may direct a person to take any action to have an issue remedied.

What do I do if I get a notice for my property?

If you receive a notice please follow the directions and complete the work by the due date.

An officer will be checking the property on the due date to ensure all the work requested has been completed.

I rent the property, am I responsible to comply with the Notice?

Yes! Both the owners and occupiers of the property are responsible for the activity that occurs on that property.

What if I do not comply with the Notice?

If the work requested is not completed by the due date, the work will be completed by a contractor. The costs of the contractor will be placed on the property owners tax roll.

If exigent circumstances prevent you from completing the work by the due date, please call the Community Standards Unit and ask for an extension.

REPEAT PROPERTIES

If a property has received a notice within the past 12 months for a recurring issue, a letter will accompany the notice.

This letter will state that **THE DIRECTION ISSUED IN THE NOTICE IS IN EFFECT FOR 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE THE NOTICE IS ISSUED AND IF REQUIRED, AN OFFICER MAY ENTER THE PREMISES AT ANY TIME WITHIN THESE 12 MONTHS TO REMEDY THE RECURRING CONDITION** without issuing additional notices.

Town of Taber

WEED CONTROL & UNSIGHTLY PROPERTIES

AN INFORMATION GUIDE ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROPERTY OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS



**Taber Police Service
Community Standards Unit**



GRASS AND WEEDS

Owners/Occupants of a property within Town are responsible to ensure grass and weeds are kept cut and do not spread to other properties.

The property should be maintained in keeping with other properties in the neighbourhood.

Notices issued for weeds and/or grass will provide the owner/occupant with at least (7) days to have the work completed

Going away on holidays?

Have a neighbour or friend maintain your grass/weeds while you are gone. You are still responsible for your property while you are away.

TREES, SHRUBS, BUSHES OR HEDGES

Every occupant or owner of any property or premise within the town shall:

- Prune or remove any and all trees on a premise and on the frontage or side yard, which abuts or adjoins the premise that, due to a deterioration of condition or any other reason, interfere with any public utility or public works, and are a public safety hazard
- Remove or prune any shrubs that could be a nuisance to any person using any publicly owned or maintained sidewalk or street
- All trees on boulevards are the property of the town and will be pruned or removed by Public Works

For more information, or if you have a complaint regarding property upkeep regulations, please refer to the Town of Taber Nuisance Bylaw No. 13-2021 or Call the Taber Police Service Community Standards Unit at 403-223-8991



NOXIOUS & PROHIBITED NOXIOUS WEEDS

The *Weed Control Act* of Alberta states a person shall control a noxious weed or destroy a prohibited noxious weed that is on land the person owns or occupies.

Weeds are categorized as noxious and prohibited noxious when they spread aggressively, are difficult to control and are harmful to people, animals and the environment. These weeds need to be controlled in our community because they:

- Infest pastures and crops which reduce yield and quality
- Alter natural habitats and compete with native plants
- Displace mammal, insect and bird species
- Damage infrastructure such as roads and buildings
- Are costly to control if left too long
- Take many years to control effectively
- May be toxic to pets, livestock and/or wildlife

Destroying Weeds

Both noxious and prohibited noxious weeds can be destroyed by hand-pulling, cultivation or mowing followed by an application of an appropriate herbicide.

Noxious/Prohibited Noxious Weed Disposal

Some seeds can continue to develop after the plant has been pulled. If you pull weeds, put them in bags right away so the seeds won't drop and germinate; defeating the purpose of your hard work.

You can throw out all pieces of the plant into the garbage, ensuring that there are no holes in the garbage bag for the seeds to escape out of.

Please refer to the Alberta Weed Control Regulation for a full list of noxious weeds.

AREAS of RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of the owner/occupant includes the land at the front of the property to the centre of the street/avenue and at the alley to the centre of the alley. This includes the boulevard.

