

Township procedures for tall grass violations

The Ohio Revised Code outlines the provisions for addressing property nuisances such as tall grass and weeds. According to the State law, any grass or weeds that exceeds an eight (8) inch height is considered a nuisance. The abatement of this nuisance can then be addressed by the Township.

According to the law, the Township must follow these procedures in abating the tall grass/weed nuisance:

- Inspect the property to determine that the subject grass and/or weeds are in excess of the eight-inch allowance;
- If, as the result of the inspection, the property is identified as being in violation of the law, i.e. the grass and/or weeds are taller than 8 inches;
- The property owner is notified of the violation and given seven (7) days to address the problem;
- The Township inspector re-inspects the subject property after the 7-day compliance period;
- If the grass/weeds have not been cut, the Township proceeds to have this work done. Currently, an independent contractor completes this work and bills the Township;
- The cost to complete this work is certified with the Montgomery County Auditor and placed on the property tax bill as an assessment to be collected as part of that bill;
- Monies collected by the Auditor as part of this process are returned to the Township.

If you see a property that appears to have tall grass and/or weeds in excess of eight inches in height, please contact the Development Services Department at 433-0796.