

Melon Ridge HOA Courtesy Guidelines

Common Nuisance Items – Quick Reference

The purpose of this guide is to help residents avoid common HOA warnings by clearly outlining what is considered reasonable versus excessive. These are intended as courtesy guidelines, with grace given for normal life events, weather, and short-term situations.

Holiday & Seasonal Decorations

Examples include: inflatables, yard props, lighting, oversized decorations (including tall skeletons)

Guideline:

- Decorations may be displayed up to 30 days before the holiday
- Decorations should be removed within 15 days after the holiday

Clarifications:

- Decorating for Christmas around Thanksgiving is acceptable
- Large or oversized decorations (including tall skeletons) are permitted for Halloween but should be removed shortly after the holiday
- Decorations remaining well past the holiday season may be considered a nuisance

Grace vs. Excessive:

- Grace: travel, weather delays, illness, or short post-holiday delays
 - Excessive: decorations remaining for weeks or months beyond the holiday
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Pet Waste & Yard Sanitation

Examples include: accumulated dog waste, strong odors, increased flies or pests

Guideline:

- Pet waste should be picked up and disposed of on a regular basis
- Yards should be maintained in a sanitary condition that does not create odors or attract pests
- Pet owners are required to immediately pick up and properly dispose of waste when walking pets in common areas or throughout the neighborhood

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Clarifications:

- It is understood that pet owners may not pick up waste immediately after each occurrence on their own property
- However, allowing waste to accumulate to the point that it becomes visible, odorous, or attracts flies may be considered a nuisance
- Pet waste left in streets, sidewalks, or common areas is not permitted

Grace vs. Excessive:

- Grace: routine cleanup on private property done periodically, with no noticeable impact to neighboring homes
- Excessive: visible buildup of waste, persistent odors, or conditions that attract flies or pests affecting nearby properties; or any failure to clean up waste in common areas

Trash, Recycling & Curbside Containers

Examples include: trash cans, recycling bins, bulk pickup items

Guideline:

- Trash and recycling bins may be placed at the curb the day before pickup
- Bins should be removed from the curb by the day after pickup
- Bins may be visible from the street when stored off the curb when space on side of house does not permit storage

Grace vs. Excessive:

- Grace: delayed pickup, holidays, weather-related delays
- Excessive: bins left on the curb for extended periods of time

Parking on Landscaping or Sidewalks

Examples include: vehicles parked on landscaped areas or blocking a sidewalk

Guideline:

- Vehicles should be parked on driveways or approved street parking only
- Landscaping and sidewalks should not be used for regular parking

Grace vs. Excessive:

- Grace: short-term loading or unloading
- Excessive: repeated or long-term parking on landscaping

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Recreational Vehicles Parked on Lots

Examples include: campers, RVs, boats, utility trailers, ATVs, recreational vehicles, and similar equipment

Guideline:

- Recreational and similar vehicles or equipment must be parked **behind the closest front wall of the residence**
- Such vehicles and equipment must be **screened from view from neighboring properties**
- Vehicles and trailers should not be parked on front landscaping, gravel areas not intended for parking, or in a manner that damages the lot or surrounding appearance

Clarifications:

- Temporary loading, unloading, cleaning, or trip preparation is understood and permitted for a short amount of time
- Long-term storage in visible locations, particularly on landscaping or side yards visible to neighbors, may be considered a nuisance or covenant violation

Grace vs. Excessive:

- Grace: short-term parking associated with active use, maintenance, loading/unloading, or travel preparation
 - Excessive: ongoing visible storage, parking on landscaping, or placement that negatively impacts neighboring properties or community appearance
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Trash, Debris & Stored Items Visible from the Street

Examples include: construction materials, old furniture, pallets, boxes, miscellaneous storage

Guideline:

- Items should not be stored in view of the street or sidewalk for extended periods
- Temporary projects are expected; long-term storage is not

Grace vs. Excessive:

- Grace: active projects or short-term storage
- Excessive: items left visible with no clear end in sight

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Yard & Lot Appearance

Examples include: excessive weeds, dead or neglected landscaping, overgrown areas
Guideline:

- Yards should be maintained in a generally neat and cared-for condition
- Seasonal changes and temporary conditions are expected

Grace vs. Excessive:

- Grace: seasonal transitions or temporary setbacks
- Excessive: prolonged neglect

Temporary Items (Trailers, Pods, Equipment)

Examples include: storage pods, utility trailers, construction equipment

Guideline:

- Temporary placement is allowed for short durations
- Extended placement may require approval or relocation

A Final Note

These guidelines are intended to promote clear expectations and avoid unnecessary warnings. Communication is always encouraged — if you're unsure whether something may be an issue, reaching out early can help prevent problems later. Please keep in mind that this list is not all-inclusive of all possible nuisances and may be updated from time to time.

If you have any questions about the CC&Rs or have received a courtesy or violation notice that you'd like clarification on, please reach out to our local HOAMCO rep:

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