

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

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

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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

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

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

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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.