

Be a good neighbor

Be a good neighbor to your fellow homeowners as well as to the environment in Canton. Everyone's contribution can make a difference!

- Clean up after your pets. Pet waste can contain harmful bacteria. When left on sidewalks or yards, it washes into storm drains or roadside ditches polluting our creeks and rivers.
- Keep your lawn healthy and pest free by fertilizing sparingly and caring, two to three application per season should suffice.
- Never dispose of any liquid or solid waste into the storm sewers. Dumping motor oil, chemicals, or other toxic materials down storm drains, sinks, or on the ground pollutes our creeks and rivers.
- Maintain swimming pools and take care of any standing water issues in your yard.
- Store firewood at least 18 inches off of the ground, in stacks not higher than five feet.
- Maintain your property free of debris and clutter to deter pests and rodents from nesting.
- If you have built, or are in the process of building a new home, please review your Homeowner Association's (HOA) Covenants and Deed Restrictions regarding your lawn. Most HOAs require sod and landscaping to be placed within in a certain amount of time. They may also require you to replace dead grass, shrubs and trees in a timely manner. Failure to comply with HOA Covenant and Deed Restrictions may result in fines.

Important Canton Phone Numbers

Building & Inspection Division	394-5200
GFL Environmental USA Inc.	866/772-8900
Clerk's Office	394-5120
General Offices	394-5100
Fire Department	394-5400
Ordinance Enforcement Complaints	394-5400
Ordinance Enforcement Questions	394-5335
Police Department	394-5400
Public Works	397-1011
Supervisor's Office	394-5185
Treasurer's Office	394-5130
35th District Court	459-4740



Canton's guide to a well-kept property

Keeping neighborhoods safe and beautiful is the responsibility of all Canton residents, especially home and property owners. A well-kept property makes the home more inviting, enhances the neighborhood and increases property values. Canton urges all property owners to read and incorporate these guidelines into their routine to keep the community looking good for all to enjoy

Grass, Shrubs and Trees

Healthy grass should be maintained by all residents and property owners. Canton ordinance requires that grass be kept at five inches in height or less. Yards and flower beds should be kept free of weeds and debris.



Shrubs should be kept trimmed and neat. Canton ordinance requires that public sidewalks be kept clear of encroaching shrubs.

Trees should be maintained in good condition and leaves should be raked or mulched in the fall to promote healthy grass in the spring. Canton ordinance requires that tree branches be cleared to at least seven feet above public sidewalks.

Refuse Collection

Refuse intended for collection should be placed at the curb the evening prior to pickup, and empty cans should be brought back to the house by the evening following collection. Canton ordinance prohibits refuse from being placed out for pick up prior to 6 p.m. the day before your scheduled collection day.

Exterior Home Maintenance

Upkeep on the outside of your home can often prevent further damage. Canton ordinance requires the exterior surface of houses be protected from water penetration and deterioration. Common maintenance that will protect your home includes:

- Repairing or replacing broken gutters and downspouts. They should be securely fastened to the structure and properly cleaned and maintained.
- Repairing or replacing damaged or loose siding and roofing. Materials should be weather-tight and securely fastened to the structure.
- Painting the exterior of your home, or covering it with other approved material.

Outside Storage

A variety of different items kept, or left, around your house can quickly lower the aesthetic value of your neighborhood. The storage, accumulation or keeping of the items listed below, in an area other than a completely enclosed building, is prohibited by Canton ordinance:

- Junk, inoperable or unlicensed vehicles; meaning any motor vehicle that is damaged or deteriorated so that it is incapable of safe operation, or is not currently registered with the Secretary of State.
- Junk and debris; meaning any machinery, appliance, product or merchandise with parts missing or other scrap materials that are damaged, deteriorated or in such a condition that they cannot be used for the purpose for which they were manufactured.
- Waste materials; meaning any trash refuse, dirt, ash, stone, paper, tree, shrub or cuttings therefrom, wood remnants, bottles, cans, garbage, waste products or any other excess of abandoned materials. Domestic refuse shall be kept in secure garbage cans or tied bags on the side or back of the house or in the garage.

Ordinance Enforcement

Canton Public Safety's Ordinance Enforcement Unit investigates ordinance complaints and violations in the community. Ordinance Officers will make contact with residents or property owners to discuss the violation and establish a time frame for bringing the violation under compliance. Failure to comply with ordinances may result in a misdemeanor citation being issued, requiring the defendant to appear at 35th District Court in Plymouth. Fines and/or court costs can also be assessed by the court at this time.

Ordinance Questions and Complaints

Residents or property owners with general questions about property standards ordinances can contact the Ordinance Enforcement Unit at 734/394-5335.

Residents or property owners who would like to file an ordinance complaint can contact the Public Safety Department at 734/394-5400. An ordinance officer will be assigned to follow up on all complaints made.

