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## **IT'S THE LAW**

All of the rules in this handout come from the Edmonds Community Development Code (ECDC) or the Edmonds City Code (ECC) and are to be followed in all residential areas.

## **NOISE**

Be considerate at all times. Be especially aware of the noise you make at night and in the early mornings. Set amplified sounds at a reasonable level. Be sure the sound stays confined to your dwelling especially between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM. Residential construction hours are also regulated. ECC 5.30

## **OLD TIRES AND VEHICLE PARTS**

Vehicle parts and tires don't belong in the yard and should be removed or enclosed. Removing tires and other items that hold standing water also reduces mosquito habitat. ECDC 20.110

## **NUISANCE ITEMS**

Junk, trash, litter, boxes, discarded lumber, salvage materials, broken equipment, dangerous machinery, refrigerators, freezers, and furnishings are some of the items prohibited in yards. ECDC 20.110

# CHECKLIST FOR GOOD NEIGHBORS

## **JUNK VEHICLES**

Unenclosed vehicles need to be licensed and operable. Move that broken or unlicensed vehicle into your garage or other legal storage. ECDC 20.110

## **ACCESSORY STRUCTURES**

One story detached accessory building used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses do not require a building permit PROVIDED the floor area of the building does not exceed 120 square feet with a maximum eave of 30 inches. Remember, structures must comply with setback and height requirements for the zone.

## **HOME OCCUPATIONS**

Home occupations are allowed in residential areas but do require a permit and business license. The occupation can not create adverse impacts to neighbors and is secondary to the residential use of the home. A home occupation may require a conditional use permit if it does not meet one or more of the requirements. ECDC 20.20

## **ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADU)**

"Mother-in-law" apartments are permitted in residential zones but require an ADU permit and must meet certain criteria. The single family appearance and character of the residence shall be maintained when viewed from the surrounding neighborhood. ECDC 20.21

## **FIRE**

Barbecues are great. Open pit fires and burning of trash or other items in your yard is prohibited.

## **FENCES**

A permit is required for fences which are greater than 3 feet in height which are also within 10 feet of any street right-of-way or access easement or within 30 feet of a corner. Any fence located within a Critical Areas buffer or within an Earth Subsidence area must obtain a permit. Contact the Edmonds Planning or Building Divisions for fence regulations and options. ECDC 17.30

## **ANIMALS**

Keeping of poultry is prohibited except as allowed under ECC 5.05.130. (Up to 6 domestic female chickens may be kept on a lot associated with a single-family residence.)

Prevent leash law violations. While in the yard, your dog should be fenced or on a leash. When you take Fido for a walk, keep him on a leash.

A dog that barks continuously is usually looking for attention. If you make sure he gets attention from you or your family, you can avoid attracting the attention of your neighbors.

Five or fewer domestic animals are allowed for each residential dwelling unit. ECDC 17.34, ECC 5.05

<b><u>PROBLEM</u></b>	<b><u>CONTACT</u></b>	<b><u>NUMBER/EMAIL</u></b>
Abandoned cars in street	City Police	9-1-1
Air pollution	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	206-343-8800 <a href="http://pscleanair.gov">pscleanair.gov</a>
Animals: Loose, noisy, sick, dead	Animal Control	9-1-1
Business licenses for Edmonds	Administrative Services	425-775-2525 <a href="mailto:business.license@edmondswa.gov">business.license@edmondswa.gov</a>
Debris in right-of-way	Public Works	425-771-0235 <a href="mailto:pw@edmondswa.gov">pw@edmondswa.gov</a>
Debris or storage in yard	Code Enforcement	425-771-0220 <a href="mailto:codeenforcement@edmondswa.gov">codeenforcement@edmondswa.gov</a>
Dispute resolution	Dispute Resolution Center of Snohomish & Island Counties	425-339-1335 <a href="http://voaww.org/drc">voaww.org/drc</a>
Door to door sales	Administrative Services	425-775-2525
Home occupations	Code Enforcement	425-771-0220 <a href="mailto:codeenforcement@edmondswa.gov">codeenforcement@edmondswa.gov</a>
Health - public	Snohomish County Health District	425-339-5200 <a href="http://snohd.org">snohd.org</a>
Illegal burning, fire hazards	South County Fire	425-551-1200 <a href="http://southfire.org">southfire.org</a>
Junk, junk vehicles	Code Enforcement	425-771-0220 <a href="mailto:codeenforcement@edmondswa.gov">codeenforcement@edmondswa.gov</a>
Landlord-Tenant	Dispute Resolution Center of Snohomish & Island Counties	425-339-1335 <a href="http://voaww.org/drc">voaww.org/drc</a>
Noise: parties or other disturbances	City Police	9-1-1
Parks: restroom problems, broken equipment	City Parks & Recreation	425-771-0230 <a href="mailto:edmondspark@edmondswa.gov">edmondspark@edmondswa.gov</a>
Sewer backup or excessive odor. Storm sewer. Sidewalk conditions, missing or damaged street signs	Public Works	425-771-0235 <a href="mailto:pw@edmondswa.gov">pw@edmondswa.gov</a>
Water meter or main leaks	Public Works	425-771-0235 <a href="mailto:pw@edmondswa.gov">pw@edmondswa.gov</a>