

Betcha Didn't Know!

Let's just talk about some general stuff and some ordinances that are on the books that you may or may not know about, but let's review!!

Vehicles – Ordinance number 272-10(C) and (C)(4) states all vehicles must be operable and registered. Even if it is under a car cover! You cannot park your vehicle on the lawn (272-9A (15)). Park on the street or driveway only. Work on vehicles cannot be done on the driveway but must be done in an enclosed garage (370-130 (10)).

Trash – Trash cans cannot be stored in front of the property waiting for trash day nor can it be on the street side if you live in a corner property (314-8). Remember, don't put trash out for pick up before sundown the day prior to pick up. Also, don't use your blue recycle container as a trash container. The contractor will confiscate all yellow recycle containers.

House Number – Step outside and see if you can readily see your house number. House numbers are to be 6 inches tall, numerical form, and in a contrasting color (116-2). Is it hidden behind the flag or the bushes? If so, move it so in case of emergency, first responders can readily locate you.

Call Before You Dig - It's the law. Three business days and not more than 10 business days, before you dig, call 811 for your free mark out. Holidays and weekends do not count.

Overhanging Branches - Are your neighbor's tree branches hanging over onto your property? Have you spoken to the property owner and voiced your concerns? You are entitled to the right of self-help to lop off the branches to the property line, but no further.

Snow – When there a forecast for 2 inches or more of snow, you are allowed to park on the lawn. You are required to shovel your sidewalk within 24 hours after snowfall. If you live on a corner lot, you are required to shovel the entire sidewalk surrounding your property (272-20C (2)).

Basketball Stands – Are not allowed to be at the end of the driveway onto the curb or street (328-27) They are considered a nuisance. Put them on the driveway.

Annual rental registration and inspection – All rental property in Willingboro Township is required to be registered and inspected annually (280-5). Contact the Inspection Department for further information.

Christmas lights – Christmas lights are a temporary electrical installation and must be removed within 90 days according to the National Electrical Code, Article 390-3b.

Permits – Some of the work requiring permits are sheds, pools, fences, PODS, dumpsters (must be inspected before removal), driveways, tree removal, yard sales (one per quarter, no fee), water heaters, pavers. Not to mention permits required for building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical projects.

Room Renting – Willingboro Township's homes are zoned as a single-family dwelling, as such room renting is illegal (370-130). Also, if you rent you home, you cannot live there.

Driveways – Driveways should not have any cracks, depressions, holes, etc. (370-76A(1)(d)). Grass should not be growing in your driveway but on your lawn! Your driveway can be no wider than 22 feet with a four-foot side set back from your property line.

Certificate of Continued Occupancy (CCO) and Mercantile License – All businesses within Willingboro Township are required to have a CCO and Mercantile license before you can open your business (121-2). Mercantile Licenses are to be renewed annually before July 31.