

## What does Code Enforcement do?

Code Enforcement was transferred to the Bolingbrook Police Department in December 1999. Working in conjunction with the police officers, the Code Enforcement unit is better able to assist citizens in maintaining property values and the quality of life in Bolingbrook. Code Enforcement is also responsible for rental inspections, as well as property maintenance violations throughout the Village of Bolingbrook.

### Rental Properties:

- Rental inspections for all of the apartments in town.
- Rental inspections for all single and multi family dwellings.
- A rent/lease permit will be issued to the owner of the rental property when the unit has passed inspection by a Code Enforcement officer. (For your convenience, we have attached a copy of the inspection checklist used for all rental properties we inspect.)
- Any unauthorized occupancies discovered by Code Enforcement may result in a \$1 000.00 per day fine until the unit is found in compliance with village ordinances.

### Typical property maintenance violations:

- Accessory structures in ill repair
  - Shed
  - Detached garages
  - Fences
  - Decks, stairs, and porches
- Accumulation of debris
- Cars parked on grass
  - It is illegal to park any vehicle on an unpaved surface.
- Car sales in shopping centers
  - It is illegal to place a car for sale in a commercial lot.
- Commercial vehicles
  - It is illegal to park or store commercial vehicles in a residential or commercial area that is not designed for such use.
- Exterior surface in ill repair
  - Rotten wood
  - Eaves/fascia/soffit
  - Roof
  - Peeling paint
  - Gutters
  - Siding
  - Shutters
  - Fancy trim work
  - Front door

- Side doors
  - Garage door
  - Windows
  - Window screens
  - Storm door (screen/glass)
- Garbage out too early
    - Garbage may not be placed at the curb until 6:00 PM in the summer months and at **4:00** PM in the winter months on the day before your regular scheduled pickup.
    - Landscape waste (branches must be cut to 3 feet in length and bundled with rope or twine), grass clippings, to be placed in a Kraft or similar bag approved by the Village.
  - Grass/weeds over six inches
  - Holiday decorations
    - Holiday decorations/lights may only be up for 90 days.
  - House numbers
    - House numbers must be on the primary structure (preferably near main entrance), clearly visible and legible from the street. The numbers must also be in a contrasting color and at least 3 inches in height.
  - Illegal driveway extension
    - A driveway must be all concrete or asphalt. Decorative rock or gravel is not an acceptable driveway extension.
    - Drive/walk in ill repair
  - Illegal dumping ("Fly dumping")
    - Illegal dumping may result in a \$500.00 fine.
    - Construction dumpsters may not be used for residential garbage or landscape waste.
  - Improper storage of garbage
    - Garbage may not be stored in front of the house, (or sides if house is located on a corner lot), and must be stored in covered containers if kept outside.
    - Garbage receptacles/recycle bins are not to be placed in public view from the street.
  - Junk cars
    - All vehicles in public view must have a current village sticker, valid license plates, and is operational, or they will be marked for tow.
  - RV/boat
    - Recreational vehicles (boats/camper/RV), storage must meet certain requirements within the village. Please call Code Enforcement for current ordinance information.
  - Stagnant water
    - All swimming pools must be drained or property covered when not in use.

Code Enforcement also has responsibility for vehicle sticker enforcement. This enforcement is initiated after the final date for purchasing vehicle stickers has passed. Enforcement is accomplished by sticker sweeps directed at addresses without current vehicle stickers on file. Failure to purchase a vehicle sticker and display it may result in a \$30.00 fine for each day in violation.

This is an overview of Code Enforcement responsibilities. These codes are designed to protect the property value of the homes and businesses in Bolingbrook. We stress voluntary compliance in our efforts to improve the quality of life within the Village of Bolingbrook. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call 630-226-8760 or write to:

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