

Keep Meridian Beautiful

You've seen it. We've seen it. Everyone's seen it...high grass and weeds in yards and vacant lots. Not only are they unsightly eyesores in our City, they pose a fire hazard, block visibility for drivers, contribute to allergies, harbor rodents and snakes, and contribute to pests like mosquitos and ticks.

Meridian City Code requires property owners to maintain weeds under eight inches (8") in height. Please, help keep Meridian beautiful.



RESOURCES

Ada County Weed, Pest, and Mosquito Abatement

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Meridian Police Department

Code Enforcement Division
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Meridian Police Department
Code Enforcement

**NUISANCE
WEEDS**

Weeds in the City of Meridian

The following weed conditions are specifically prohibited per Meridian City Code Section 4-2-2(B):

1. Weed growth in excess of eight inches (8") in height.
2. By reason of size, manner of growth, location, or dryness, constitute a safety, health or fire hazard to any person, building, improvement, crop, or other real or personal property.
3. Designated as a noxious weed by the state of Idaho.



Weeds Enforcement

The City of Meridian takes seriously the enforcement of overgrown or hazardous weeds within city limits. Enforcement falls under the responsibility of the Code Enforcement Division of the Meridian Police Department.

Procedure

Once a property is identified as being in violation of Meridian City Code, the following occurs:

- Meridian Code Enforcement will investigate the violation and identify the owner of the property as indicated by the Ada County Tax Assessor.
- A Notice of Violation and Order to Abate will be sent, via U.S. Mail, to the identified owner of the property.
- This Notice of Violation and Order to Abate will contain a description of the violation and a compliance date for the violation to be corrected.
- If the property is not brought into compliance by the compliance date, the City may abate the property, **at the owner's expense**, without further notification.
- Within five (5) calendar days from the date of the Notice of Violation and Order to Abate, the owner, occupier, and/or person in charge or control of the property may appeal to the City Council by filing a written appeal with the Meridian City Clerk.

Penalties

If a home or property owner fails to comply with the Notice of Violation and Order to Abate notification, the City may abate the nuisance and the following could occur:

Civil Fine and Special Assessments

If the City of Meridian is required to abate a property, all abatement fees are billed to the home or property owner. This will include the bill for the weed removal as well as a \$100.00 nuisance weeds abatement administrative fee.



Criminal Charges

If the City of Meridian is required to abate a property, misdemeanor criminal charges may be forwarded to the City prosecutor. This may require your appearance in criminal court and may be punishable by up to six (6) months in jail and/or up to \$1,000.00 fine for each offense.

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