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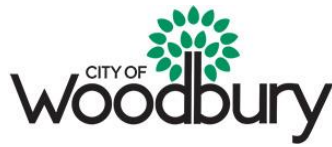
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 - (9) One storage container, with gate(s)/door(s), not exceeding five feet in height and 25 square feet in area. Containers shall be located outside of easements, at least five feet from property lines and within side and rear yards only.
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 - (12) Lawn, garden, and holiday ornamentation.
- (b) *Nonresidential districts.* All exterior storage shall be fully hidden from view. Merchandise on display without a permit is considered exterior storage and is prohibited except where specifically allowed by zoning district regulations.

(Ord. No. 1863, § 1863.01, 10-24-2012; Ord. No. [1957](#), § 10, 12-12-2018)



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City Code Frequently Asked Questions

Can I park a Recreational Vehicle, boat, trailer, etc. on my property?

One recreational vehicle or piece of equipment up to 24 feet in length may be stored outdoors. If equipment is on a trailer, the trailer and equipment shall be considered as one. Equipment must be setback 15 feet from the curb, five feet from the side and five feet from the rear property lines. Recreational vehicles and equipment shall be on an established driveway surface, such as concrete or blacktop.

Are there any ordinances affecting the placement of play structures, etc.?

Swing sets, sandboxes, play structures, dog kennels, concrete slabs, satellite dishes and similar structures shall be at least five feet from side and rear lot lines, and may not be within the front yard.

Can I store my trash can in the driveway?

All trash containers and recycle bins shall be stored indoors, or be fully screened from view.

I would like to expand my driveway. Are there any ordinances affecting this?

Driveways shall be a minimum of 10 feet in width, with a maximum width of 30 feet at the property line. Driveways within the R-4 zoning district shall be constructed of plant mixed bituminous or concrete surface. Driveways shall be set back at least five feet from side and rear lot lines.

Can commercial equipment be parked in residential areas?

Commercial vehicles and equipment may not be parked or stored in a platted residential district except when loading, unloading or rendering a service. This includes vehicles over three-quarter ton capacity, maximum 8000 pounds GVW, and commercial trailers.

My neighbor has a dismantled lawnmower, ladders, and old appliances in his backyard. Can he store these things outside?

All materials and equipment shall be stored within a building, or be fully screened by a five foot fence, so as not to be visible from adjoining properties.

Exceptions:

- Laundry drying. Recreational equipment. Construction and landscaping materials. Equipment currently being used on the premises. Agricultural equipment and materials, if they are used or intended for use, on the premises.
- Off-street parking of passenger vehicles and pickup trucks on approved surfaces.
- Firewood must be five feet from property lines and in side or rear yards only. Quantities over one cord must be fully screened from view.

Do I need a permit to put up a fence?

A Permit is not required to build a fence. See Fence Ordinance summary on website.

<http://www.ci.woodbury.mn.us/images/stories/building-docs/fenceordinancesummary.pdf>

Each development may have its own private covenants that may be more restrictive than the city's ordinances. The Homeowner Association is responsible for enforcing the development's private covenants.

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Sec. 24-239. - Location of parking areas and additional parking criteria.

Residential:

- (a) Spaces accessory to one- and two-family dwellings shall be located on the same lot as the principal use served.
- (b) Spaces accessory to multiple family dwellings shall be located on the same lot as the principal use served or within 300 feet of the main entrance to the principal building served.
- (c) Vehicle parking on single-family attached and single-family detached parcels shall comply with the following:
 - (1) All portions of a vehicle shall be located on the dwelling side of a curb.
 - (2) Vehicles shall not obstruct a trail or sidewalk.
 - (3) Vehicles shall be located on an approved parking surface as referenced within section 24-240.
- (d) Vehicles parked/stored outdoors shall have license plates visible at all times.

Non-residential:

- (a) When required accessory off-street parking facilities are provided elsewhere than on the lot in which the principal use served is located, they shall be in the same ownership or control, either by deed, easement or long-term lease, of the subject property. The owner shall file a recordable document with the city council requiring the owner and his heirs and assigns to maintain the required number of his/her off-street spaces during the existence of the principal use.
- (b) Off-street parking spaces shall not be utilized for overnight parking, camping and/or sleeping, storage of goods and/or equipment, or for the storage of vehicles unless approved by the zoning administrator.
- (c) Parking shall not be allowed in areas that are not designated for off-street parking.
- (d) Parking areas may not be used for snow storage unless approved by the zoning administrator through a snow storage plan.

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Sec. 24-255. - Recreational equipment in residential areas.

In residential districts recreational equipment up to 24 feet in length may be parked or stored outdoors as follows:

- (a) One piece of recreational equipment per dwelling unit. When recreational equipment is on a trailer, the trailer and piece of recreational equipment shall be considered as one. Measurement does not include tongue of trailer or motor (if applicable).
- (b) On any rear or side lot not within five feet of the lot line on concrete or blacktop.
- (c) In the front lot, not within 15 feet of the curb on concrete or blacktop.
- (d) Recreational equipment may not be parked or stored on a public street.
- (e) Recreational equipment shall be maintained in good condition and currently licensed if applicable.

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Definition

Recreational equipment. Camping trailers including those which telescope or fold down, chassis mounted campers, house cars, motor homes, tent trailers, slip in campers, converted buses, converted vans, snowmobiles, boats, trailers, toppers and similar equipment. Camping trailers, chassis mounted campers, house cars, motor homes, tent trailers, slip in campers, converted buses and converted vans are units designed and used for human living quarters and meeting the following qualifications:

- (1) Are not used as the residence of the owner or occupant.
- (2) Are used for temporary living quarters by the owner or occupant while engaged in recreational or vacation activities.
- (3) Are self propelled or towed on the public streets or highways incidental to such recreational or vacation activities.