

Let's Have an Adult Conversation



Our city is beautiful. Citations are not. This flier will introduce you to some of Benbrook's Codes and Ordinances. By knowing and following the regulations, you help keep your community attractive.

The Bottom Line

Each of us is responsible for maintaining our property. This includes:

- Caring for our yards and vegetation
- Maintaining fences and any immediately adjacent alleyways or parkways
- Keeping trash and debris picked up

So what exactly does all that mean?

Read on to learn about some common Code violations.

Each of Us Can Do Our Part



The Code Compliance Department works to protect the safety, integrity, and appeal of our city. But they can't do it alone: It takes all of us, working together.

Each of us can do our part to know and follow the City Code. In the process, we help reduce visual blight and safety hazards, and discourage vandalism. And in the bigger picture, each of us is helping create and maintain a community that is attractive and inviting ... A place we're proud to call home.

To report a possible code violation, call 817-249-6078 or use the REQUEST SERVICES link on our website. You can also use the QR code above to access the page.



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On the Street Where You Live

**A Resident's Guide to
Benbrook Code Compliance
and Keeping
Benbrook Beautiful**





Yard Maintenance

- The height of the grass and weeds shall not exceed 10 inches.
- For any property of two acres or more, the owner is responsible for mowing the first 100 feet adjacent to the public right-of-way or the property line.
- Trees, shrubs, and bushes must be trimmed so as not to obstruct the view of motorists or pedestrians using public streets, sidewalks, and alleyways.
- Don't forget, overgrown vegetation also obstructs the vision of emergency vehicles – who may be coming to help you.

Fences

- Any eight-foot section of fence cannot be more 15 degrees out of alignment.
- Any eight-foot section of fence cannot have 10 percent or more of its pickets or structural elements rotted, damaged, or missing.
- If a fence will be more than 30 inches (4 ½ feet) tall and will be visible from a public street, right-of-way, public park, or other City-owned property, a permit is required.
- A permit is also required for any fence that will be more than 6 feet tall.
- **Permits Department: 817-249-6064.**



Garage and Yard Sales

- A permit is not required.
- No more than two sales allowed per year.
- Residents may place one sign promoting the sale on private property, avoiding the public right-of-way (about 10 feet from the curb).
- A second sign may be placed on a neighbor's property (with their permission), again avoiding the public right-of-way.
- Signs are not permitted on public street lights, utility poles, trees, hydrants, or streets signs.

RVs, Trailers, and Vehicles

- All must be parked on a concrete or asphalt surface at least 9 by 18 Feet.
- Parking on grass is prohibited.

Home Occupation

- Definition: When a business, profession, or other economic activity is conducted full- or part-time in a principal residence.
- Home occupation is permitted in most residential areas as long as it is incidental to the primary use of the dwelling.
- Business-related equipment cannot be stored outside and signage is not permitted.
- To make sure your home business is in compliance with all regulations, please see Section 17.84.160 of the [Zoning Ordinance](#) or call the City at 817-249-6060.



Trash, Recycling, Bulk Items, and Hazardous Waste

- Residential collection is handled by [Republic Services](#). By City Ordinance, residents are required to use Republic.
- Collection is done on Wednesday (holidays may impact the schedule).
- Trash and recycling must be set out by 7 a.m. Wednesday, but not before 5 p.m. Tuesday.
- Brush and bulk materials should also be set out by 7 a.m. Wednesday and will be collected by Saturday.
- Residents wanting a second weekly trash collection can participate in our yellow bag program. To learn more, call 817-249-3000.
- Household hazardous waste can be taken to the [City of Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center, 6400 Bridge St., 76112](#). There is no charge, but you must have proof of Benbrook residency.
- Benbrook holds periodic household hazardous waste collection events each year; please check our [website](#) for details
- To report concerns with your trash or recycling collection, please call 817-249-6008