

# INFORMATION SHEET



## Purpose of Code Enforcement

To provide Sparta residents with the highest quality of service and to uphold and enforce codes and standards established to protect the Public Health, Safety and Welfare of all residents, businesses owners and visitors based upon priorities which are consistent with established standards.

## Vegetation Ordinances

**Code 78-75:** Prohibits overgrown grass 8" or higher, noxious weeds, dead bushes, dead trees and stumps

**Code 70-05:** Prohibits throwing and blowing grass clippings in the street

**Code 26-33:** Out of cycle brush piles cannot be stored by the side of the road

## Vehicle Ordinances

**Code 26-64:** Prohibits yard parking (parking on the grass)

**Code 26-64:** Prohibits storing an inoperable vehicle in an unenclosed area

## Yard Waste Ordinances

**Code 26-112:** Unenclosed storage of building materials, appliances, and rubbish is prohibited

**Code 82-130 (1):** Recreational vehicles and equipment cannot be stored in the front yard

**Code 82-130 (4):** Cannot display 'For Sale' vehicles, except in a vehicle sales establishment

## Fence/Wall Ordinances

**Code 82-112:** Fences/walls in the front yard should not exceed 4 ft. in height, and 6 ft in height for the side or rear yard

**Code 82-113:** No fence, wall, sign, hedge, screen or any planting shall obstruct intersection visibility (diagram in code of ordinances)

## What do you need a permit for?

- Zoning Permit Application
  - Fence
  - New House Construction
  - Pool or Deck
  - Accessory Structure
  - Residential Addition
- Driveway Alteration Permit
- General Construction Waiver Permit
- Sidewalk Obstruction Permit
- Curb Cut Permit
- Home Occupation Permit
- Variance Permit Application
- Sign Permit (Permanent or Temporary)

▶ Permit Applications can be found at [SpartaMI.org](http://SpartaMI.org)

## Stormwater Protection

The Village of Sparta is working to better manage storm water runoff. As a resident of The Village of Sparta, you have the ability to help reduce the amount of pollution entering the storm sewer system and ultimately reaching the Grand River and Lake Michigan.

- Never dump grass clippings, vehicle fluids, or anything else into the street or down a storm drain/catch basin.
- Avoid fertilizing your lawn before it rains. Use non-phosphorus fertilizers.
- Dispose of pet waste in a trash can.
- Take used motor oil to a quick lube or auto shop.
- Dispose of unwanted paints, solvents, and cleaners at one of Kent County's 4 collection centers, more info at: [reimagnetrash.org/safehomes/safechem/](http://reimagnetrash.org/safehomes/safechem/)

Report storm drain dumping to the Village of Sparta at (616) 887-8251