



## Community Standards Update: June 25, 2019

We want to share the following timely updates and resources related to common concerns in the community. If you need more information or have questions, please contact us at [communitystandards@brambleton.org](mailto:communitystandards@brambleton.org) or call 703-542-6263.

**Fireworks Display and Safety Info** - The Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office wants you to have a safe holiday by choosing to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals. Click [here](#) for a public display calendar as well as important information and safety tips if you choose to purchase your own fireworks. To report concerns to the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, call 911 in emergencies and 703-777-1021 for non-emergency matters.

**Mailbox and Lamppost Maintenance** - Has your black mailbox, post, and/or lamppost faded over the years? Mailboxes and Carriage Light Lampposts are to be maintained in accordance with BCA's [Property Maintenance Standards](#). Black boxes and posts within the community can easily be refreshed and maintained with a can of black **satín finish** spray paint.

**Vegetable Gardens** - Vegetable gardens must be located in the rear of the home. Gardens exceeding 50 square feet in area must have prior approval from the Covenants Committee. A border not to exceed 24 inches in height may be installed to provide for a raised bed. Cinderblocks and other raw building materials are not approved border materials. A "rabbit fence" or similar fence may be erected to provide for pest control but must not exceed three feet in height. No plant which exceeds three feet at maturity may be planted. Vegetable gardens must be maintained in a neat manner, and all plant debris must be removed and the soil turned at the end of the growing season. More information about vegetable gardens can be found [here](#).

**Wooden Fence Maintenance and Cleaning** - A wooden fence is a great way to keep your property private. However, it needs to be regularly maintained. Here are a few tips to help keep your fence looking great:

- Check all the pickets on the fence to make sure that no nails have come out and that none of them have started to rot. Hammer in any loose nails or replace with new ones.
- Where a picket is rotting, warping, bending, or broken, put in a new one and repaint it to match.
- Where you have sectional fencing, test each of the sections to check that they're secure. If any sections are leaning, you'll need to ensure that they're replaced in the ground properly so they are straight.
- Where there's mildew on any sections of the fence, you'll need to clean it off. Every few years, your wood fence will need to be repainted or stained with a clear coat preservative.

Please remember that any fencing installations or color changes need prior permission from the [Covenants Committee](#). More information about the Design Review Application and Process can be found [here](#).

**Landscape Bed Maintenance** - Turf areas and mulched landscape beds are to be kept as weed-free as reasonable. At no time shall weeds exceed more than 25% of the total turf area or 10% of mulched areas. Mulching landscape beds is one of the best ways to prevent weeds from growing out of control. More information and tips on landscape bed maintenance can be found [here](#). Please contact the [Community Standards](#) team with any questions or to report a concern.

**Curb Strip Maintenance and Improvements** - Curb strips are the areas of turf between the edge of the sidewalk and the roadway curb. Curb strips located on VDOT maintained roadways adjacent to private property are not maintained by BCA, and the Association does not provide mowing or turf restoration service in these areas. VDOT Right of Ways that are adjacent to private property are to be maintained by the private property owner. Not sure if your curb strip is a right of way? Check the [Loudoun County Parcel Database](#) to search for more information about your curb strip. It's also important to note that any modification to a VDOT Right of Way is subject to VDOT regulations. Click [here](#) for more information, or [submit an online concern](#) to VDOT.



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