

## PARKING: MOTORIZED VEHICLES



**Motorized vehicles** including motorized recreational vehicles, passenger cars, trucks, motor homes, campers, snowmobiles, dirt bikes, water bikes, motorcycles and similar may **not** be placed directly on grass, crushed rock, bare soil or any landscaped area. **Motor vehicles** must be parked on a continuous, impervious surface (i.e. concrete, asphalt, paving bricks). >Ch. 18.33(23). 18-36 to 18-39 & 44-17<

## PARKING: NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND VEHICLES ON TRAILERS

All non-motorized vehicles and equipment, including trailers and equipment stored on trailers, and pull behind campers, must be located on a continuous, impervious surface (i.e. concrete, asphalt, paving bricks) if located in the front yard. Items located in the side and rear yard may be located on a landscaped surface (i.e. grass or gravel) as long as that surface is maintained free of long grass/weeds and erosion. Five (5) foot setbacks from property lines are required. Setbacks for corner lots may vary.



## PRIVATE RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Recreational equipment such as swing sets, toys, lawn furniture, and grills may be stored on residential properties. However, they may not be stored within five (5) feet of the side and rear property lines. On corner lots, equipment is not allowed within 20 feet of the side yard public right-of-way. All equipment must be in good condition.

## OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Vehicles, equipment, and other items stored outside on a property must be owned by a person who legally resides at the property. Ownership requirements also apply to rental properties.

## ON-STREET PARKING

The following on-street parking items are unlawful:

- To park a vehicle upon any street or road for more than 30 minutes during the time intervening between a snowfall of two inches or more and the plowing or removal of the snow >Ch 36-39(c)<
- To park a vehicle on a street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. (Medical emergencies are excluded) >Ch 36-39(d)<

Other on-street parking restrictions exist. Contact the Police Department for more information.

## VEHICLE NOISE

Please be considerate of the neighbors. Minimize noise from vehicles (bad mufflers, radios, etc.). The play, use, or operation of any radio, tape or disc player, musical instrument, phonograph, or other machine or device for the production of sound to be heard at a distance of 25 feet is unlawful. >Ch. 18-33(5)<

## ENFORCEMENT

Inoperable or junk vehicles found in violation of city ordinances may be towed from the property if, after notification, the owner does not correct the violation. All costs of impound, towing, storage, and administrative charges will be the responsibility of the property owner.

*Enforcement of vehicles on residential or commercial property is conducted by:*  
**Code Enforcement Division**  
**651.249.2360**

*On-street parking and traffic regulations are enforced by:*  
**Police Department at 911**

*This handout is intended only as a general guide. Other codes and ordinances may apply. You can reference city ordinances or get additional information on the city website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us)*



# VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

## RESIDENTIAL STORAGE, USE, AND PARKING REQUIREMENTS



Some goals of the City of Maplewood are to prevent blight, improve the appearance of residential areas and maintain the residential atmosphere of these neighborhoods. The number, type, and condition of vehicles and equipment are often concerns of property owners. Therefore, the city has adopted ordinances regulating the outside storage of vehicles and equipment to help maintain the safety and aesthetics of the residential neighborhoods. This brochure is a summary of city ordinances.

**VEHICLE DEFINITION**



A vehicle is defined as any vehicle, motor vehicle, semi trailer, or trailer as those terms are defined in M.S. 169.01 including pioneer, classic collector and street rod vehicles, or any machine or equipment propelled by power other than human power, designed to travel along the ground by use of wheels, treads, runners or slides, and transport persons or property or pull machinery. It includes any automobile, truck, trailer, motorcycle and tractor.

**INOPERABLE AND JUNK VEHICLES**

All vehicles, including trailers, that are located outside on residential property must be in an operable condition, be properly licensed within the last three (3) months, and otherwise be in a condition to lawfully operate on public streets in Minnesota. Vehicles that do not meet these requirements are considered **inoperable or junk vehicles** and must be stored in enclosed buildings, removed

from the property or otherwise brought into compliance.

>Ch. 18-66 to 18-70 and 44-17-4<

**Examples of inoperable or junk vehicles include a vehicle that:**

- Does not run or has a missing or defective part needed for normal operation; or
- Is dismantled or stored on jacks, blocks, or other supports; or;
- Has a flat tire; or;
- Is missing license tabs/plates; or
- Is otherwise not legal to operate on the public streets.

Current registration tabs must be properly placed on the license plate.



**Inoperable and junk vehicles are subject to towing at the expense of the property owner!**

**SALES & REPAIR OF VEHICLES**

- Repair or painting of motor vehicles and small engines is not permitted either as a business or a hobby.

**COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

Vehicles, including trailers, meeting **one or more** of the following criteria are considered commercial vehicles and are **not allowed** to be stored outside in residential areas: >Ch 44-102(1)<

- Registered for over 12,000 lbs. ("G" sticker on license plate), **or**
- Semi tractor or trailer, step van, tow-truck, cargo truck, tank truck, dump truck, tractor, bus, construction vehicle

or equipment (bobcat, backhoe, and similar), or

- Trailer loaded with commercial vehicles or commercial equipment, or
- A vehicle with commercial equipment added.

**The following vehicles are restricted as follows:**

- One non-commercial truck with a snowplow is allowed between November 1 and April 1 each year. The snowplow must be attached to the vehicle.
- One taxi or limousine less than 30 feet is allowed.

**Exceptions:**

- o Recreational vehicles properly licensed with RV plates.
- o Properly licensed non-commercial vehicles, such as pickup trucks, that are not listed by code as a commercial type.



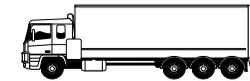
**Note:** *Commercial type vehicles or vehicles with attached commercial equipment are not exempt.* (Examples of commercial vehicle types are shown on the following page.)

**COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT**

Commercial equipment such as backhoes, bobcats, lawn maintenance equipment, cement mixers or other similar types of equipment must be stored inside an enclosed building unless they are being used for a **current** on-site landscaping or construction project. >Ch 44-102(1)<

**EXAMPLES OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

Other styles may exist.



*Semi tractor and trailer*



*Step van*



*Tow-trucks*



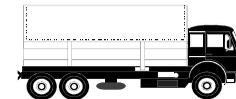
*Cargo Truck*



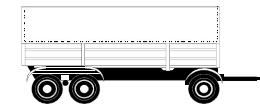
*Dump Truck*



*Tanker Truck*



*Construction Trucks*

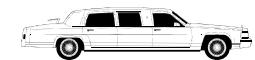


*Trailers with commercial equipment*

*Snowplow on truck*



*Taxi*



*Limousine*