



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Justin M. Bibb

Codified Ordinance §209.02
2025 Annual Notice of Property Owner Responsibility and Remedial Order:
Property Nuisance Abatement Program

All owners of vacant lots, land and structures in the City of Cleveland must maintain their property free of high grass, weeds, refuse and other nuisances throughout the year.

This notice is to all property owners who own vacant lots, parcels, land or structures in the City of Cleveland. (This includes side and rear lot parcels adjacent to residences). This notice is to alert property owners of their responsibility to maintain their property free of noxious weeds, high grass, surface water, refuse, litter or nuisance conditions. This notice also constitutes an order to owners of vacant lots, land and structures to maintain their property free from such nuisances immediately upon their occurrence throughout the year. The following conditions provide harborage and breeding grounds for pests or are otherwise conducive to the creation of human health problems, and are therefore declared to be nuisances which shall be removed or abated from any property on which they are found:

- (1) Grass over eight (8) inches in height;
- (2) Noxious weeds including Russian, Canadian, common, or musk thistle; shatter cane; Johnsongrass; wild lettuce; wild mustard; wild parsley; wild parsnip; wild carrot; giant hogweed; ragweed; wild plants that can cause skin reaction upon contact or produce or aggravate hay fever, asthma, allergic respiratory reaction, or similar conditions; and all other noxious weeds, including those listed as prohibited noxious weeds in OAC 901:5-37-01, as it may be amended;
- (3) Refuse including trash, junk, garbage and food waste, offal, animal wastes, tires, and all other waste materials;
- (4) Stagnant surface water.

The owner, operator, or person in possession or control of a vacant lot, vacant land or structure in the City of Cleveland must remove or otherwise abate any listed nuisances no later than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice, and immediately thereafter throughout the year. If any nuisance on a vacant property is not abated as required by this notice, the City will take one or more of the following actions beginning thirty days after this notice is published:

1. The City may take any action necessary to abate the nuisance and to bill the owner of the property for all costs of abatement. You will have the opportunity to appeal the bill.

2. The City may ticket the owner, operator, and/or person in possession or control of the property. Such person is subject to a fine of up to \$150.00.
3. The City may take other civil or criminal legal actions.

You may appeal this notice and remedial order within ten (10) days after publication, by writing to:

Commissioner of Environment
Cleveland Department of Public Health
75 Erievue Plaza, 3rd Floor
Cleveland, OH 44114
Tel: (216) 664-6256

NOTE: The City of Cleveland makes no inference by this notice that any vacant lot, land or structure owned by you is not properly maintained and cared for at the present time. The City of Cleveland appreciates all efforts by property owners to maintain and improve vacant lots, land and structures within our City limits.