



## An Easy Self-Inspection Property Checklist

Have you ever wondered how your property would rate according to neighborhood expectations and city ordinances? The following checklist is intended to help you evaluate the condition of your own home and property. This list includes common neighborhood expectations, as well as some Oakdale ordinance requirements.

### Grounds and Yard Maintenance

Yes	No	Do you have...
		Trash, garbage, dog/animal feces, junk, brush, leaves (not in proper compost bins), car parts, appliances, unwanted furniture, scrap lumber, metal, tires, buckets, equipment or any other items stored outside (you don't want to throw away) because someday you might use them or you just haven't gotten around to disposing of them?
		Garbage and trash stored loosely and uncovered, not stored inside a tightly covered container so as to keep out dogs, birds, insects or other pests and to keep trash from blowing around?
		Garbage, trash, and recycling containers stored outside in front of the garage or house? (All containers are prohibited from being stored in the front yard of the house and garage unless screened from view by city-approved screening).
		Grass or weeds that have grown to a height of six (6) inches or greater? Growth of any noxious weeds? Any accumulation of dead weeds or turf grass, except for the purpose of composting?
		Recreational equipment such as hockey nets, basketball hoops, hoop foundations, etc. installed or placed in the city right-of-way or boulevard areas of your yard?
		Inoperable, unlicensed or commercial type vehicles located outside? More than four (4) motor vehicles parked or stored anywhere outside on your property? (This number does not include vehicles of occasional guests). Any vehicles that are currently being repaired, restored or maintained outside? (Vehicle maintenance and repair must be performed inside an enclosed structure, such as a garage).
		More than one (1) currently licensed and operable recreational or non-commercial vehicle parked/stored outside on your lot? A recreational vehicle parked in front of your front setback line? A recreational vehicle that is parked less than the minimum of fifteen (15) feet from the back of the curb or roadway?
		Motorized vehicles parked in the yard or on a landscaped area (grass, gravel, woodchips, etc.) instead of on a hard surface, such as the driveway? Any encroachment of vehicles onto easements?
		Any structures, plants, fences or any activities (such as lawn mowing) that are encroaching on the public right-of-way, city parks, ponding, wetlands and/or open spaces without proper authorization?

### House, Buildings and Structures - Exterior

Yes	No	Do you have...
		Missing address numbers on your house and/or garage? (They must be at least four (4) inches in height and one and one-half (1 1/2) inches wide and be plainly visible and legible from the street or roadway).
		A mailbox that is less than the minimum height requirement of at least 45" from the gutter channel? A mailbox that extends beyond the back edge of the curb?
		Holes, cracks or rotting wood in building foundations, walls, trim, soffits or siding? Siding that is loose or missing? Broken doors, windows or screens?
		A roof that is sagging, damaged, missing shingles, or has holes? Eaves or soffits with damaged, missing or rotting boards? Areas that pests can get into?
		A porch or deck with missing railings; loose, missing or rotted boards or columns; porch or deck that is excessively sagging, leaning, or unstable?
		Fences, retaining walls, sheds or garages that have parts missing, are leaning, falling down, have deteriorated or rotting boards?
		Any of the above mentioned buildings, garages, structures or items with deteriorating surfaces such as blistering, cracked or peeling paint or stain, or rust showing through finished surfaces?

Answering "NO" to all of the items means you are successfully maintaining the exterior of your property and should be proud of its appearance. Thank you for caring about your property and your neighborhood! If you have any questions about outside storage, yard maintenance or housing conditions or to report a code violation complaint in your neighborhood, please call the City of Oakdale's Code Enforcement Officer at 651-702-5225.