

# The Most Frequent Code Violations in Prince George's County

*These and other violations of County Code may result in a fine or other consequences.*



- 1. Operating a business out of a residence.** You may not operate a restaurant or café, prepare or serve food for pay, sell goods, store imported products or operate a hair or nail salon or barber shop. These actions pose fire and safety hazards.
- 2. Performing automotive work on a driveway or street.** You may not work on cars on residential streets or in driveways. NO automotive shops may operate on residential streets, in driveways, inside garages or behind houses or apartments.
- 3. Doing unpermitted residential or commercial construction.** Construction projects such as erecting a deck, finishing a basement, remodeling a bathroom or kitchen, building an addition or adding a driveway require permits and inspections from DPIE.
- 4. Placing trash or discarded items to be picked up at the curb days before a scheduled pickup.** Trash and items to be picked up by County trash, bulky trash, Goodwill, Salvation Army, etc., may not be put out before 7 p.m. the night before the pickup.
- 5. Parking commercial vehicles in driveways or on residential streets.** Commercial vehicles should be left at the workplace, not in residential areas.
- 6. Parking vehicles on unpaved surfaces.** You may not park operating or broken vehicles on grass or unpaved areas behind houses or in front yards.
- 7. Failing to adequately maintain a property.** Homeowners or renters are required to cut grass and weeds, prune plants, pick up fallen branches and clear debris from properties on a regular basis. Grass and weeds over 12-inches tall are a code violation!
- 8. Allowing a property to fall into disrepair.** Residents or property managers are required to repair peeling paint, loose siding, ragged gutters, sagging downspouts and broken windows and doors immediately as needed.
- 9. Accumulating junk on residential or commercial properties.** You may not store untagged vehicles, old vehicle parts, junk cars or motorcycles, old appliances, building materials, furniture or garbage on residential or commercial lots. Boats must be tagged and legally parked.
- 10. Leaving abandoned properties unsafe and unsecured violates code.** Buildings must be secured, grass must be cut, other plants pruned, lots cleared of litter and trash removed regularly to prevent accumulation.

**Make sure your property complies with County Code!**

For more information, visit the DPIE website at <http://dpie.mypgc.us>.



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