



Property Maintenance

The City of Manistee prides itself on the unique beauty and charm of our neighborhoods with a variety of buildings ranging in age from the late 1800's to today. This eclectic blend of neighborhoods mixed with our Historical Downtown, abundant water resources and recreational opportunities create a wonderful place to live. This guide is to assist property owners and occupants with various property maintenance questions.

Structures

Any dwelling, garage, outbuilding, factory, shop, store office building warehouse or other structures in the City shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health and safety. Structures that are not maintained may be classified as a Blighted Structure and the City shall take action to bring the structure into compliance or have it removed under [Chapter 650 Anti-Blight](#)



Building Materials

The open storage of building materials on a property for any period longer than reasonably necessary for the immediate use of such materials, but in no event longer than sixty (60) days is prohibited. [Chapter 650 Anti-Blight](#)

Firewood

The open storage of firewood is permitted in orderly stack to a height no greater than five (5) feet. The storage of firewood is restricted to the rear yard or an interior yard. [Chapter 650 Anti-Blight](#)



Junk Vehicles



The open storage of any disabled, inoperable, or junked motor vehicle is not permitted for a period longer than seven (7) days. [Chapter 415 Open Storage of Disabled, Inoperable, Junked, and Abandoned Motor Vehicles](#)

Outside Storage

The open storage of junk on a property is prohibited. [Chapter 650 Anti-Blight](#)



Street Numbers



It is important that the address of every building is properly displayed for emergency response purposes/911. Addresses should be posed so that they can easily be seen from the street at least three – inches high or larger block numbers, the color of the numbers should contrast with the background or structure surface. If there is more than one address for a building, each unit needs to be clearly displayed. In the event that the building cannot be seen from the road, the address shall be displayed on a post at the driveway entrance. [Chapter 1464 Numbering of Buildings](#)

Yard Maintenance

It is the responsibility of the owner and occupant of every parcel within the City to maintain their yards. Failure to remove grass, weeds and vegetation in excess of 10 inches could result in the City cutting the grass and billing the property owner for the work under [Chapter 692 Weeds](#) of the City of Manistee Code of Ordinance.

