

Grass Season Runs Through

May 1 - October 31

DISTRICT VEGETATION & WEEDS REGULATIONS

District Regulations (DCMR 14, Section 302 Exterior Property Areas) prohibits property owners – both commercial and residential – from allowing grass and weeds on their premises to grow more than 8 inches in height. Failing to adhere to the Law could lead to fines of \$500 or more. All exterior property and premises must be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.

DCRA regulates several types of excessive vegetative growth including weeds, grasses, kudzu, poison ivy, oak, sumac, plants with obnoxious odors, and any other causing hay fever. Regulations require that these weeds be cut after no more than seven days of growth.

WHY IS MAINTAINING GRASS HEIGHT SO IMPORTANT?

Excessive vegetative growth can cause serious public health implications. Tall grass can trigger respiratory problems like asthma and allergies in District residents and visitors. Weeds create a breeding place for mosquitoes, rats, mice, snakes and other vermin which are drawn to grass and weeds overgrowth.

HOW TO REPORT OVERGROWTH

Residents should report properties with grass and/or weeds exceeding 8 inches to dcra.grasscomplaints@dc.gov or **202-899-3596**. Please try to have the exact address of the property before making a complaint.

