Grass Height

Do you know about Fairfax County’s rules on Grass Height?

♦ Complaints regarding grass height are accepted from April 22nd – Mid-October

♦ **RESIDENTIAL:** Grass may not be taller than 12 inches in height on any developed residential lots (vacant or occupied) that are one-half acre (21,780 sq. ft.) or less. This also applies to undeveloped residential property, which is less than one-half acre and which is located in a recorded subdivision where 90% of the lots have been developed.

  ♦ Grass height is not regulated for properties that are larger than one-half acre.

♦ **COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL:** While some exemptions may apply, grass may not be taller than 12 inches in height on any vacant developed commercial/industrial property.

♦ After sending a Notice of Violation to the owner, Fairfax County may have tall grass cut at the owner’s expense if compliance was not met.

♦ **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)** is responsible for cutting tall grass along roads or in medians on state maintained roads. To make a complaint call: 1-800-367-7623.

To report a possible violation OR for more information contact:

Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance
12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035
Phone: 703-324-1300, TTY 711
Web: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code

To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Code Compliance.

This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published September 2014) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.