



BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR IN THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK A SUMMARY OF LOCAL LAWS AND CITY SERVICES

Incorporated as a city in 1945, the City of College Park has become the second largest city in Prince George's County and the fifth largest city in the state of Maryland. Covering about five square miles, the City has a population of over 32,000 people. The City is home to a diverse community; people of all ages, occupations, nationalities, races and lifestyles call College Park home.

This sheet is an overview of certain rights and responsibilities you have as a resident of the City of College Park, but it is by no means comprehensive. For more information, please visit www.collegeparkmd.gov.

HOUSING

With its close proximity to the University of Maryland, College Park is a densely populated city that features everything from National Register historic homes to modern luxury apartments. Keeping residential properties clean, attractive and litter-free is a responsibility shared by tenants, landlords and resident homeowners. Every property in the City that houses anyone other than the owner and/or his or her immediate family, or a property occupied by the owner who rents rooms up to three (3) individuals, is required to have a City Residential Occupancy Permit and must undergo annual inspections to ensure compliance with safety codes. For instance, occupancy of a single-family home is limited to five unrelated persons and the State of Maryland requires that rental properties built prior to 1978 comply with lead paint requirements. The Code Enforcement Division of the City's Department of Public Services manages housing and code enforcement issues.

PARKING

All vehicles must display valid license plates. **Off-Street Parking:** Parking areas must be covered by asphalt, gravel, or concrete, must be directly accessible from the street without the need to drive over a curb or across grass and may not block sidewalks. **On-Street Parking:** There are several neighborhoods throughout the City zoned for Permit Parking only. Be sure to observe the posted restrictions. Parking permits can be purchased at City Hall or at the Department of Public Works. Vehicles may not be parked against the flow of traffic and may not remain in the same parking space for more than 48 hours. **Meter Parking:** Meters are enforced Monday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., except on certain City holidays (this includes the downtown parking garage).

REFUSE AND RECYCLING

The Department of Public Works provides one green refuse cart and one blue recycling cart at no charge to residential households using City refuse service. Refuse and recycling should be placed at the curb (not in the street) no more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled day of collection and carts must be removed from the curb prior to midnight the same day. Regular collection days are noted below. The City observes all federal holidays except Columbus Day, and adjusts the collection schedule to accommodate these holidays.

Monday:	Calvert Hills; Old Town; College Park Estates; Yarrow, Berwyn; Lakeland; Branchville; Autoville South
Tuesday:	College Park Woods; Crystal Springs; Patricia Court; North of MD 193-West of Rhode Island Avenue and East of Baltimore Avenue
Wednesday:	Cherry Hill; Autoville North; Sunnyside; North of MD 193-East of Rhode Island Avenue

Special trash is collected on Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only. You may place items at the curb, no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the night before your confirmed appointment; some items may require a disposal fee. Each year the City sponsors Saturday clean-ups during April and October. Contact the Department of Public Works or visit the City's website to schedule a special trash appointment or for more details.

GRASS, LITTER AND FIREWOOD

Grass must be kept below 12-inches and properties must be kept free of trash and debris. Please take a moment each day to pick up any trash on your property and on the adjacent street and sidewalk. Firewood must be stacked at least 6-inches off the ground to prevent shelter or harbor for rodents.

RATS

Rats need water, food, and shelter to thrive. To discourage rats from your property, keep your trash secure, keep the lid of your refuse cart closed, properly dispose of pet feces, keep pet food and bird food cleaned up daily, cut the grass regularly, elevate wood piles and remove debris the yard. You are responsible for pest control on your property. Contact a licensed pest control contractor for assistance.

SNOW REMOVAL

During snow events, cars should be moved to allow snow plows to clear snow to the curb. If off-street parking is not available, park on the even-numbered side of the street to facilitate snow removal. Property owners and/or occupants must clear all ice and snow from sidewalks including from public sidewalks in front of your dwelling or business within 24 hours after the snow, sleet and ice stop falling.

PETS

Dogs, cats and ferrets over four-months old require Prince George's County licenses, available for purchase at City Hall and the Department of Public Works. Leash laws require dogs and cats to be leashed when they are not on their owner's property. Pet owners are responsible for immediate removal of waste deposited by their animal from any property, either public or private. The City's Animal Control Officer enforces applicable animal care laws and can help with a lost pet, wildlife, and licensing issues.

NOISE

The State, County and City have noise ordinances to regulate acceptable noise levels in our neighborhoods. Noise disturbances can result from parties, stereos, loud cars, even small loud groups. The City noise ordinance applies 24-hours and violations of the ordinance are punishable by a fine of \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for the second offense within a six-month period. A hearing before the Noise Control Board can be convened if two or more persons are disturbed by noise. The Board can issue fines as previously described, and in certain circumstances call for revocation of the Residential Occupancy Permit. Neighbors wishing to report a noise disturbance can call the Code Enforcement Hotline day or night at 240-487-3588. Violations of any Section of the Code of the City of College Park may result in the issuance of municipal infraction citations and fines.

YOUTH, FAMILY AND SENIOR SERVICES

The City's Youth, Family and Senior Services offers counseling help to families who are having difficulties with everyday living. Individual, family and group counseling is provided to families with children up to 18 years of age. The cost is determined on a sliding fee scale based on income.

CITY AND OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

City Clerk	240-487-3501	Department of Public Services	240-487-3570
City Manager	240-487-3501	Animal Control after 5:00 p.m.	240-375-3165
Department of Finance	240-487-3509	Code Enforcement after 5:00 p.m.	240-487-3588
Dept. of Planning & Economic Development	240-487-3538	Parking Enforcement	240-487-3520
Department of Public Works	240-487-3590	Dept. of Youth, Family and Senior Services	240-487-3550
		Seniors Program	301-345-8100

EMERGENCY - POLICE - FIRE - AMBULANCE - ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1

Maryland State Police	301-345-3101	Prince George's County Non-Emergency	301-352-1200
University of Maryland Police	301-405-3555	M-NCPPC Park Police	301-459-9088
Metro Transit Police	202-962-2121		

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