



OVERGROWN AND UNSIGHTLY PROPERTIES

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All residents are responsible for keeping their properties neat and tidy. Properties that become overgrown and unsightly can be both a nuisance and a danger to neighbours and the community.

Problems with overgrown and unsightly properties include:

- ✚ Tall grass and accumulated materials are likely to attract or harbor reptiles or vermin.
- ✚ Accumulated materials can become potential missiles in a high wind/storms event.
- ✚ Overgrown vegetation and accumulated materials can become a fire hazard and be an obstacle for fire fighters.
- ✚ The property affects the visual amenity of the area.

WHAT IS AN OVERGROWN PROPERTY?

Council will consider the property to be overgrown if:

- ✚ Plants, weeds, or grass interfere with the public's use of the footpath or road.
- ✚ The property has become unsightly due to a lack of yard maintenance.
- ✚ The property is likely to form a breeding place for reptiles or vermin or is considered to be a fire hazard.

WHAT IS AN UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY?

An unsightly property is a property that seriously affects the visual amenity of the area, or one that has accumulated materials likely to attract or breed reptiles or vermin.

Properties can quickly become unsightly with materials such as:

- ✚ Old appliances.
- ✚ Building materials.
- ✚ Household furniture and goods.
- ✚ Loose garbage.

✚ Bottles, cans, boxes or packaging materials.

✚ Discarded or disused machinery/vehicle or parts.

✚ Severely rusted vehicles and machinery.

✚ Dead vegetation such as palm fronds, etc.

WHAT THE RESIDENT SHOULD DO

In order to keep a tidy property, residents should;

✚ Store objects and materials out of sight in a shed or garage, or rack, stack and tie down items 30cm off the ground.

✚ Put rubbish out for collection each week.

✚ Dispose of old vehicles or machinery some (metal recyclers will purchase scrap metals).

✚ Mow the lawn regularly and remove dead branches and leaves.

✚ See Council's website for disposal of green waste.

✚ Organise someone to maintain your property if you are away for a period of time.

REPORTING AN OVERGROWN OR UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY

To report an overgrown or unsightly property:

✚ Contact Council Local Laws Customer Service on 4747 3385.

✚ Emailing
customerservice@mountisa.qld.gov.au
 (if possible include a photo).

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please visit Council's website at mountisa.qld.gov.au or call customer service centre on 4747 3200.

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