

## New Castle County Ticketing Process

Our office received a complaint about your property. This courtesy letter and informational brochure is designed to help you understand our enforcement process.

If you have any of the listed code violations on your property you have until the noted date to correct the violations before an officer inspects your property. If upon the officer's inspection any of the listed violations are found, pictures of the violation will be taken and a \$50 fine will be assessed for each violation identified on the ticket. You are then subject to an additional \$50 ticket for each day the violation(s) exist.

All fines must be paid to New Castle County within 30 days from the date assessed to avoid the fine doubling to \$100 per violation and having the fines collected via the property tax bill.

Appeals must be detailed in writing, explaining your grounds for not complying as directed. The written explanation and the full payment of the fines must be sent to the Department of Land Use - Office of Code Enforcement within 21 business days.

## POTENTIAL TICKET REASONS

1. Overgrown grass - grass and weeds are to be maintained at a height of 8 inches or less. **(PM302.4)**  
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2. All accessory structures, including sheds, and fences, must be maintained in good repair. **(PM302.7)**  
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3. Vehicles - Inoperative/junked and/or unregistered vehicles may not be stored on your property. **(PM 302.8.3)**  
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4. Junk, debris, tree branches, tires and other items stored on the exterior of residential properties. **(PM302.11)**  
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5. Accumulation of Trash and garbage **(PM307.1)** / Disposal of trash and garbage must be stored in containers with lids at all times. **(PM307.2)**  
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6. Oversized vehicle parking, vehicles longer than 240 inches, higher or wider than 84 inches, or weighing over 8,000 lbs. **(PM302.8.4)**

7. No vehicles are permitted to be parked on the lawn, but must be on a hardened surface. **(PM302.8.6)**  
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8. Household items (stoves, refrigerators, TV's, furniture, etc.) stored outside are considered debris and prohibited. **(PM 302.10)**  
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9. Swimming Pools must be maintained in clean and sanitary condition and good repair **(303.1)**  
**Note:** All pools capable of holding more than 2 feet of water require a building permit and must include fencing (48 inches and a self-latching gate)  
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10. Bushes, shrubs and tree trimming is required to prevent encroaching on the sidewalk or other right of way **(PM302.12)**



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<http://www.nccde.org/landuse/home/webpage2.asp>