

Curb Appeal



With summer just around the corner there is no better time for homeowners to step outside and consider the curb appeal of your home. Here are a few key areas to consider when assessing the exterior aesthetic condition of your lot:

- ◆ All exterior surfaces of the home are clean (no visible dirt, mold, or mildew.)
- ◆ Grass is cut on a regular basis and weed free. Consider hiring a landscape contractor to take the maintenance burden off of your schedule, several advertise regularly in this magazine.
- ◆ Properly trim all areas a mower cannot reach, for example along the house foundation, fencing or around the mailbox.
- ◆ Flower and landscape beds are maintained in good condition, free of dead vegetation and weeds.
- ◆ Landscape beds have clearly defined edges and appropriate mulch or ground cover.
- ◆ Hardscape is secured in place, maintained and upright.
- ◆ Bushes and shrubs are maintained free of insects and properly pruned.
- ◆ Healthy trees are pruned so pedestrians and bicyclists can safely pass on the sidewalks.

- ◆ Remove tree stakes and all associated hardware that is no longer necessary for the health and maturity of the tree.
- ◆ Newspapers and solicitations are removed on a daily basis and not left to accumulate on the lot or mailboxes.
- ◆ All trash containers and recycle bins are **STORED** out of view.
 - Trash and recycling containers are not to be placed out for pickup earlier than the night prior to pick-up. **Mondays are Trash & Yard Waste. Thursdays are Trash & Recycling.**
- ◆ **FOR PET OWNERS:** all waste is removed and properly disposed of frequently. This includes the owners' individual lot, neighboring lots and all common areas.

Community Standards Staff performs regular curb appeal inspections throughout the neighborhood according to the **Procedures and Standards for Yard and Lawn Maintenance Policy Resolution**. Visit www.southing.net select Resident Services, Documents and Forms to read this policy.

We thank all residents for helping keep South Riding as one of the most architecturally pleasing and best-maintained communities in the area.