

Code Compliance at a Glance

The following is a summary of many of the residential property ordinances in Town. It is not a fully comprehensive list and when in doubt- Contact us! You can reach the Code Compliance offices at 301-513-9331 or email at code@berwynheightsmd.gov.

- Good fences may make good neighbors, but keep in mind that new fences over 4ft require a County and Town Building Permit. Corner lots have additional rules.
- Grass should be kept to a height of 10 inches or less.
- Shrubs, trees, and other vegetation need to be maintained so that it doesn't pose a danger to other property, pedestrians or obstruct the vision on the road.
- While bamboo and other invasive species are permitted, provided that it is a minimum of two feet from the property line and contained in a manner that will prevent it from spreading.
- All parts of the property need to be maintained and kept in good repair including exterior wood and metal surfaces, porches, and stairs.
- All parts of the property should be kept clean and neat, free of trash, litter and debris.
- Household items and appliances may not be stored in yards, on porches, or decks. Only routine garden maintenance equipment and outdoor lawn furniture may be stored outside.
- Vehicles, including boats, trailers, and campers, may not be parked in the grass or on other unpaved areas. Extending the driveway or paved area requires a permit.
- All Rental Homes must be inspected and receive a Town Rental Housing License.
- Trash and recycle bins need to be stored in a rear yard or to the side, behind the front building line. Place at curb no sooner than 6 pm the day before collection
- Like working on cars? Non-road worthy vehicles need to be kept in a garage or if in the driveway, must be completely covered with a close-fitting car cover. Only 2 covered vehicles are allowed per residence. Vehicle parts cannot be stored outside. Doing major auto repair work on your vehicle or running of an auto repair business at your home is prohibited.
- Doing some renovation? Many projects require a building permit from both the County and the Town. Examples include (but not limited to) retaining walls, additions, swimming pools, basement finishing, porches, solar panels, stoops, and driveways. You can find a more comprehensive list at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1501/Residential-Building>. Keep in mind that construction materials may only be stored outside for permitted projects.
- To place a "Roll Off" Dumpster or Portable Storage Unit POD at your property, a Town permit is required
- Accessory Structures (sheds, retaining walls, fences, etc.) may not pose a public health or safety hazard.
- Noise Pollution is also prohibited in the Town. Any noise that is produced, reproduced, or amplified at over 65 dBA is prohibited for daytime or 55dBA at night for residential areas. Your lawn mower is louder than 65dBA? That's okay, normal usage of power tools, lawn mowers and the like are allowed during daytime hours.

	Residential Mon - Thu	Residential Friday	Residential Saturday	Residential Sunday
Day	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Night	9:00 PM	10:00PM	10:00PM	9:00PM