



On Farm Guide: How to Avoid Code Violations Cues to Care

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Gardens and farms, especially those practicing regenerative agriculture, are prone to receiving code violations. These code violations can result in **tickets, fines, and even court appearances.**

There are some basic practices you can put into place, called **‘Cues to Care’**, that will **help show both your neighbors and the city’s Code Enforcement team that your farm or garden is intentionally planted and cared for** to avoid receiving code violations.

BASIC PRACTICES & CUES TO CARE

Maintain a clear edge or boundary to your farm or garden

- Don’t let plants grow out onto the sidewalk. This may mean trimming back vegetation on a regular basis to maintain a neat edge or moving large plants back from the sidewalk.
- If possible, install a fence to designate the boundary of your farm or garden.





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Remove any litter or trash on a regular basis



Store materials in an organized way towards the back of the lot

- Materials, such as tarps, can easily be mistaken for trash. Keep them organized and out of sight from the street to prevent this.
- Keep raw materials such as mulch, compost, and soil piles neat, rodent-free. Keep piles towards the back of lots where possible and not blocking sidewalks.



Selective pruning

- Prune any trees or bushes to prevent them from blocking sidewalks, rights of way, or overhanging onto your neighbor's property.
- **Prune trees and shrubs off of roofs and homes.** Many insurance companies and termite contracts also require this.





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✓ **Maintain cover crops properly**

- If you're cover cropping, give a buffer of at least 4 feet from the property line to keep it contained.
- Mow down and terminate cover crops in a timely manner, reducing the amount of seed available to rodents and other pests. Timely termination also optimizes the amount of nutritional benefit from the cover crop.
- If cover crops begin to encroach on sidewalks or property lines, trim them back to maintain an edge and contain them.

