

Old Harvard Estates Guidelines for Home and Property Maintenance

The recent survey has indicated that the majority of home owners in Old Harvard Estates (OHE) (oldharvardestates.org) feel very good about where they live, consider our neighborhood to be a special place, and care about the sense of community and personal responsibility that we all have in ensuring that we protect our real estate investments and the value of our properties.

The way we maintain our homes and property reflects on all of us. We all have a sense of pride in living here and recognize that what we do as individuals contributes to the whole neighborhood.

For this reason, we have prepared the following guidelines for members of the Old Harvard Estates Homeowners Association. These Guidelines are intended to support and not replace in any way the currently existing Declaration of Restrictions and Reservation of Easements for OHE.

1. Our houses should be maintained so as to be visually appealing. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Maintaining the exterior painted surfaces to prevent excessive peeling or fading.
 - Repairing any rotting wood.
 - Keeping shutters in good condition, where applicable.
 - Maintaining the architectural features of the house.
2. The landscaping around our houses should also be visually appealing. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Maintaining foundation plantings that improve the appearance of the house from the street.
 - Growing, maintaining and cutting grass in appropriate areas.
 - Keeping the natural areas that separate our lots looking attractive.
 - Eliminating any dead trees or shrubs on our properties that might detract from its appearance.
 - Trimming bushes, branches, and vines blocking the sidewalks and frontage, and revitalizing and reseeding their lawns in front of their own properties.
3. Other exterior areas that also need our attention are:
 - Maintaining and repairing mailboxes if damaged.
 - Maintaining and repairing light posts if damaged.
 - Picking up trash if left behind by any collection service or dropped on our property or common areas inadvertently.
 - Remembering to cancel newspaper delivery and stop mail service when away from home for long periods of time.