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City Alleys Require Homeowners Attention

Maintaining city alleys is a responsibility that is sometimes overlooked by homeowners. In an attempt to maintain our alleys in a manner that allows for their intended use by garbage trucks, fire trucks, utility crews, and in some cases rear access to homes, it is important they remain clear and passable.

By city code it is the responsibility of homeowners to keep the area behind their homes next to the alley clear and free of growth and accumulation of debris. Placing garbage cans and plantings are allowable but excessive growth and the storing of unwanted items causes congestions and can become a safety hazard.

The city also reminds residents that branches must always be placed in the front of their property for city pick up. Yard waste is placed in the front during the spring and fall pickups and other times residents should check with their waste haulers. If residents have large items that need to be disposed of they can call 522-7797 to schedule a large item pick up.

Here are some basic tips for alley care.

- Mow your alley area when mowing your yard.
- Never place items in the alley you do not know what to do with. If not sure of how to dispose of something call your waste hauler or Public Works at 789-2255.
- Keep your garbage can covered and neatly placed next to your fence or your property.
- Check after your waste hauler picks up your trash to make sure it has been closed and put back properly.

Should residents have any questions regarding their responsibilities they can call the Public Works Department at 789-2255