

Lawn Matters
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Maintaining the lawn may not seem essential to every homeowner. However, when a homeowner does not follow basic lawn maintenance as, cutting their grass the affect can be costly to the entire community.

According to most lawn professionals, ignoring or not following general lawn care can cause lawns to get diseases and result in higher maintenance needs. The common practices with caring for a lawn are mowing, watering, and fertilizing. The lack of mowing and maintaining the grass can possibly result in lowering a home's market value and affect other residents attempting to sell their home in the same community. Simply put, an unkempt lawn has a negative impact on the neighborhood.

Recently, some residents have expressed concerns about lawnmower noise and other lawn care tools being used too early on Saturday mornings. It is critical that all residents are familiar with, the Prince George's County Noise Control regulations. The specific guidelines are outlined in **Title 17, the Public Local Laws of Prince George's County; Division 2 - Noise Control: Section 19-120 through Section 19-124.**

The Noise Control Declaration of Policy, **Section 19-123, Exceptions (g)** states; "lawn care, snow removal equipment and other household tools or equipment when used and maintained ...between the hours of 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM." In addition, **Section 19-124, Enforcement and penalties (a)**, confirms, "any person, who after instructed to cease the noise, shall allow or cause a continued violation of this Section shall, upon conviction...subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 for a first offense, and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both such fine and imprisonment."

(Please go to: <http://lis.princegeorgescountymd.gov/lis/> for additional information.)

The Brock Hills Architectural Committee (ARC) is pleased to report that only a few minor lawn care issues have been addressed with residents this year. Additionally, if any household has faulty lawn equipment or an elder in the community needs assistance locating a lawn care provider, please contact an ARC representative. The ARC committee contact list can be found at: www.brockhills.com.

It is greatly appreciated that everyone continues to be compliant and keeps our community a beautiful place to live!