# Crystal Oaks Home Owners’ Association (HOA) Aesthetics Guidelines

Parking

1. Any motor vehicle in permanent disrepair (“eyesore”) should not remain in a Crystal Oaks parking space for more than 2 weeks.
2. Because there are only 2 parking spaces allowed for each unit and minimal visitor parking, extra vehicles, boats, large cookers, RV’s, etc. are not permitted. In addition, parking is NOT allowed on the grass! Please ensure that your visitors follow the rules. Any vehicles in violation of these guidelines are subject to being towed.

Pets

1. According to Durham County leash and nuisance laws, all dogs must be kept on a leash and cats are not permitted to roam free. Dog waste must be picked up immediately!

Landscaping

1. Additional landscaping in the front or back of units (such as flowers and plants that will grow over four feet tall) must be approved by the Aesthetics Committee. All trees and shrubs must be approved as well.
2. If you choose to alter landscaping, please ensure that areas are well groomed and aesthetically pleasing. Alterations are subject to review by the Aesthetics Committee.
3. Yard decorations (yard art) should be minimal, and are subject to review by the Aesthetics Committee.

Tidiness

1. All common areas should be clear of obstructive items so that homeowners and the Association are not liable for any accidents. This includes items left on sidewalks, around the mailbox hut and any other common areas.
2. Additions that will significantly change the look of your townhouse from the other units MUST be approved by the Aesthetics Committee. Examples include fences, awnings, storm windows, etc. The front door of each unit should match that of all other units. All storm doors should be white with full view glass or screen front
3. Items such as trash cans, recycle bins, empty plant pots, dead potted plants, buckets, or any other unnecessary items should not be stored in the fronts of homes. Water hoses must be rolled up in a container and out of sight when not in use.
4. All delivered items should be picked up as soon as possible by the resident. These include packages, newspapers, flyers, etc.
5. Trash cans and recycle bins should be removed from the front area within 2 days of pickup.
6. Exterior and visible holiday decorations should be removed from homes no more than 3 weeks after the holiday.

The HOA believes these guidelines are very important to the appraised value of the homes and of particular interest to potential buyers. We want to prevent one home from reflecting poorly on the rest of the neighborhood. The Board of Directors is empowered by the Homeowners’ Association to enforce the above guidelines.

Any requests, comments, or complaints should be submitted to the board in writing by using the Grandchester Meadows online submission form or by mailing them a letter.

<http://www.grandchestermeadows.com/crystaloaks/owners.htm>