

Autumn Grove Homeowners Association
Recommended Design Guidelines for Accessory Structures

DECKS

Decks shall be compatible with the residence. Decks shall be constructed no closer than ten feet (10') from any adjoining lot and no closer than five feet (5') from any adjoining Common Area.

When decks are constructed of wood and have an exposed area below the deck that is greater than two feet (2') in height, that area shall be screened from view with lattice or other decorative screening. Each lattice panel shall have a minimum thickness of 3/8-inch and be framed.

If a deck is a second story deck and the wall below the deck has windows or is 100% finished, then screening is not required. The deck support shall be designed as aesthetically pleasing as possible.

Decks may be waterproofed, sealed or stained a natural wood color without the necessity of submitting an application or obtaining prior Approval. If the choice of color of the stain is not natural to wood, Approval must be obtained prior to applying such stain.

Screens and shade devices, if any, must appear as an integral part of the building elevation and must be made of materials that complement the home.

No deck shall be larger than 300 sq. ft.

Conversion of a deck or patio into a screened porch or conversion of a concrete patio to wooden deck, are subject to prior approval.

DOG PENS, RUNS AND DOG HOUSES

No dog houses are allowed. No dog pens, dog runs of any kind shall be permitted.

FENCES

Fencing must tie into the dwelling not more than 36" in front of the plane created by the rear façade of the dwelling.

Fences may not extend over driveways or parking areas or outside of the boundaries of the lot. In the event existing trees or other obstacles require adjustment to the fence location, the fence shall always be shifted inside the boundary of the lot.

Fences on a slope should either stair step evenly with the grade or run parallel to the grade, however, in both situations the posts must be installed perpendicular to the horizontal line and not the existing grade.

All fences shall be constructed of cedar, black wrought iron, or black powder coated aluminum only; chain link, metal, masonry, and PVC fencing are prohibited.

No fencing shall be permitted within a landscaping easement maintained by the Association.

Any fences installed along the lot boundary (perimeter fencing) shall be a uniform height of five feet (5') above grade.

All cedar fence panels shall be mounted between 4"x4" posts with decorative caps set in concrete footers on eight foot (8') centers so that the bottom edge of each panel is 3" above grade. Cedar fencing must be stained. Painting of cedar fencing is not allowed.

Fences (other than perimeter fencing) used to screen a patio or deck shall not:

- Exceed a height of six feet (6') above grade;
- Exceed more than fifteen feet (15') from the house wall;
- Extend into easement areas; or
- Be used to create a structure (enclosure).

Gates, if installed, shall be designed to be compatible and complementary to the fence design.

Fences are to be kept in good repair.

GARBAGE CANS

Garbage cans and recycling bins do not require approval provided they are stored in one of the following locations (stated in order of preference) except during the 6 hours before and 8 hours after a scheduled garbage pickup:

- Inside the owner's garage
- Behind the dwelling (screened from street view)
- Along the side of the dwelling, provided they are set back at least 10' from the front façade of the dwelling and are not visible from side streets.

In addition to the above requirements, additional screening is encouraged to further screen garbage cans from view by neighbors.

SHEDS

Sheds are allowed in the rear of the home. No metal sheds are allowed. The shed color should match the color of the residence. Landscaping should be installed around the shed.