



**Franklin County Municipal Court**  
**Environmental Division**  
Judge Stephanie Mingo



# High Grass and Weeds

Yard maintenance throughout Franklin County is crucial in the warmer months- when grass and weeds can quickly grow out of control and lead to an infestation by rodents or other vermin. This overgrowth can create a blighted appearance in our neighborhoods and endanger public health and safety.

In most communities high grass and noxious weeds are considered nuisances not only because they provide harborage and breeding grounds for pests but they can otherwise create health hazards.

Some weeds and wild plants are capable of causing skin and allergic reactions; producing or aggravating hay fever, asthma, or similar respiratory health conditions.





Each community defines what "High Grass" and prohibited plants may include. In the City of Columbus, grass should not be over 12 inches in height.



### Common Noxious Weeds:

- ➔ Burdock
- ➔ Thistles
- ➔ Jimson Weed
- ➔ Ragweed
- ➔ Pokeberry
- ➔ Mullein
- ➔ Poison Ivy
- ➔ Poison Oak
- ➔ Poison Sumac

If someone in your Columbus neighborhood refuses to cut their lawn, infractions of these codes may be reported to the City by calling (614)-645-3111.

In many of our Franklin County Communities- weed and grass cutting may be performed by city staff and/or contractors with the abatement costs being billed to the owner if not timely remedied.

For a more comprehensive listing of nuisance abatement tools, community contact information, and brochures visit the Environmental Court's website.



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