

RESIDENTIAL AUTO REPAIR REGULATIONS



The City of Dublin recognizes that repair services provided by an auto repair shop can be very costly and that some resident car enthusiasts simply enjoy working at home on their own vehicles. However, if left unchecked, excessive residential vehicle repair can become a neighborhood nuisance. For this reason, the City of Dublin has adopted relevant regulations that permit the repair of vehicles in a residential district provided that certain requirements are adhered to. The following questions are commonly asked regarding residential auto repair:

CAN I REPAIR MY VEHICLE ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE?

No. The repair of vehicles on any public street is prohibited except for temporary repairs as a result of an accident or emergency.



WHERE CAN AUTO REPAIR BE CONDUCTED ON A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY?

Except for the replacement of fluids, batteries, and filters, the repair of vehicles in the front yard, front yard driveway, or any publicly exposed side or rear yard is prohibited. Any other type of vehicle repair, including brake repair, engine or transmission repair/replacement, the replacement of parts under the hood of a vehicle, or the replacement of parts under the vehicle may only be conducted in the garage, street side yard of a corner lot, side yard, or rear yard. Other than the garage, vehicles being repaired within the side or rear yards must be shielded from public view at all times. Please note that no sound associated with the repair of vehicles shall be audible from any property line.

CAN I PAINT MY VEHICLE AT MY RESIDENCE?

No. The painting of vehicles anywhere within a residential district is prohibited. The painting of vehicles within the city limits of Dublin must be conducted at an auto body paint shop within an approved spray paint booth.

I AM A TRUCK DRIVER. CAN I CONDUCT ROUTINE MAINTENANCE ON MY SEMI-TRACTOR TRUCK?

No. The repair and maintenance of tractor trucks or semi-trucks anywhere within a residential district is prohibited.



CAN I REPAIR A VEHICLE THAT BELONGS TO A RELATIVE OR FRIEND AT MY RESIDENCE?

No. The repair of vehicles may only be performed on vehicles that are registered to an occupant of your residence.

CAN I CONDUCT AN AUTO REPAIR BUSINESS FROM MY RESIDENCE?

No. It is prohibited, per the City's Home Occupation Ordinance, to conduct the business of auto repair, auto body repair, or auto upholstery repair anywhere within a residential district.

CAN I DUMP USED MOTOR OIL ON MY OWN PRIVATE PROPERTY?

No. The dumping of motor oil and other waste fluids on private property, in street gutters, or in storm drains is strictly prohibited.



WHERE CAN I DISPOSE OF MY USED MOTOR OIL, ANTIFREEZE, ETC?

For locations of local hazardous waste drop-off facilities please contact the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program at (800) 606-6606 or visit them at www.household-hazwaste.org.

WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE REPAIR OF VEHICLES IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD?

To obtain more information regarding auto repair or to file a formal complaint please contact Code Enforcement at (925) 833-6610, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.