

Q. I have an RV that is larger than 30 feet. Am I still grandfathered?

A. No, as of July 15, 2010, RVs exceeding 30 feet must be stored indoors or offsite. UDO 3.13(H)(5)

Q. What happens if I do not comply?

A. Violations of the UDO may result in charges filed in Municipal Court. UDO 3.15(B)

Q. Who can I contact if I have further questions?

A. Please call our Code Enforcement Office at 433-7151. We will assist you with any permits needed and help you determine how much or what type of screening you will need. Per your request, our staff will arrange a site visit and walk you through the steps needed to bring your parked RV into compliance.

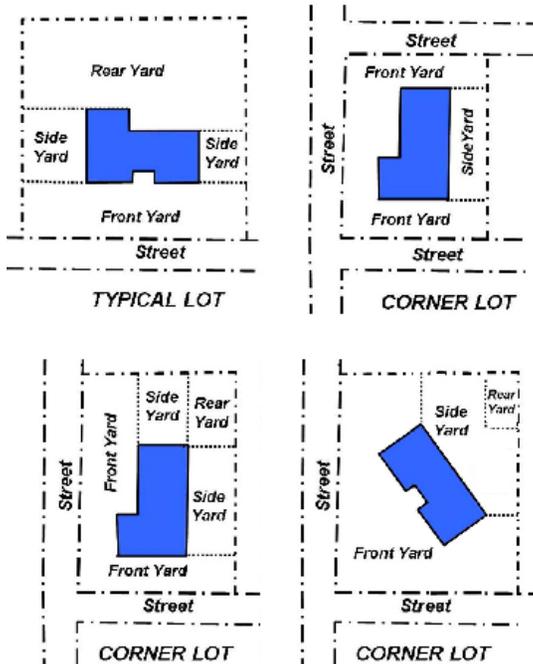


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City of Centerville Recreational Vehicle & Trailer Parking

Figure 11.3 of the UDO



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Inside: What you need to know about parking your RV in compliance with Centerville Codes



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is a Recreational Vehicle (RV)?

A. The City of Centerville's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) defines an RV as a vehicle which is:

- built on a single chassis,
- designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by any self-propelled vehicle,
- designed primarily for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use and not for use as a permanent dwelling, and
- any vehicle commonly termed as a motor home, RV, fifth-wheel, travel trailer, camper, pop-up camper, boat, boat trailer, personal water craft and trailer, horse trailer, or any type of utility or cargo trailer. (UDO p. 11-32)

Q. How many RVs can I park on my property?

A. The UDO allows one (1) RV per residential property to be stored outdoors. Additional RVs must be stored inside or off-site. UDO 9.29(B)(2)(c)(i)

Q. Is there a size limit on the one (1) RV that I am allowed to park outdoors?

A. Yes, an RV cannot be bigger than 8 feet in width, 12 feet in height, or 30 feet in length. UDO 9.29(B)(2)(c)(ii)

Q. Can I park my RV in the backyard?

A. No, RVs may be parked in the side yard of a residential premises. Front- or rear-yard parking is not permitted. UDO 9.29(B)(2)(c)(iii)



Q. What are the requirements when parking an RV in a side yard?

A. There are several requirements when storing your RV outdoors in the side yard: UDO 9.29(B)(2)(c)(iv-v) & 9.29(C)(2)(c)

1. The RV must be parked on a hard paved surface (gravel is not an acceptable parking surface). This parking surface must be connected to the driveway and must be a minimum of 8' wide. Construction of additional parking surfaces requires a permit. UDO 9.31(C)(5)(b)(i-ii)
2. The RV may not be parked within five (5) feet of the side lot line.
3. The RV must be properly screened using the prescribed combination of shrubs and evergreens or fencing.

Q. I live on a corner lot. How can I tell which area is my side yard?

A. Please see the diagram included in this brochure. If you have questions about your lot, please contact our Code Enforcement Office at 433-7151. UDO Fig. 11.2

Q. How should I screen my RV from neighboring views?

A. Screening the recreational vehicle from your neighbor's view is required. You may use vegetation (e.g. a combination of evergreens & shrubs) and/or fencing to satisfy this requirement.

Contact the Code Enforcement Office for details on vegetative screening, allowable fence heights, and to inquire whether a fence permit is required. UDO Table 9.6

Q. What if I have visitors who drove their RV?

A. A visitor's RV may be parked in the driveway (as long as it remains outside of the right-of-way) for up to seven (7) days in any six (6) month period, beginning the first day the RV is parked on your property. The RV cannot be used for living or sleeping purposes. UDO 9.29(B)(2)(b)(vi)

Q. Can I park my RV or trailer on the street?

A. An RV cannot be parked on the street for more than 48 hours. The parking of all types of trailers on the street is restricted to 2 hours. Muni. Code 452.05 & 452.13

Q. Can I park my RV in my driveway for loading purposes?

A. Yes, an RV may be temporarily parked in the driveway for loading & unloading purposes for no more than 3 days in any 7 day period. (Any part of one day counts as a day.) UDO 9.29(B)(2)(b)(v)

Q. What if I used to park an RV in the backyard or driveway? Am I grandfathered?

A. Grandfathering of RVs expired on July 15, 2010. All RVs must be parked in the side yard and meet the requirements stated above for side yard parking. Otherwise, RVs must be parked indoors or off-site. UDO 3.13(H)(5)

Q. Where can I park a commercial vehicle or trailer?

A. Side or rear-yard parking of a commercial vehicle is prohibited. One commercial vehicle smaller than 8x8x20 may be parked on the driveway in the front yard. Commercial trailers may not be parked on a residential property. UDO 9.29(B)(2)(b)(iv)

