



Deer Run - Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I install a fence?

Fences are not allowed per by-laws.

However, pool fences are required by the City of Rochester Hills for safety, and should comply with city ordinances.

2. Can I install a shed?

The by-laws refer to sheds as Out-buildings. The by-laws indicate that any type of structure used as an out building is not permitted, such as trailers, motor homes, boat trailers, tents, shacks, tool sheds, or barns.

3. Where do I store my (large) Rochester Hills trash cans?

The Deer Run by-laws indicate in the section designated "Appearance of Lot" that the garbage/trash receptacles should not be stored outside of the garage except on the day that trash is collected. The Rochester Hills city ordinance indicates trash containers should be "stored in a side or rear yard." The general concept is that the containers should not be visible from street view.

4. Can I have pets?

Yes, the by-laws indicate that only domestic household pets are allowed (no livestock), and that there is no commercial breeding of pets. Also, pets should be leashed when outside, and please remember to clean up after pets in a timely manner.

5. Can I build a swimming pool?

In-ground swimming pools are allowed, as long as they abide by Rochester Hills city ordinances. Also, a pool should be screened from public view.

6. Where can I file a complaint about something in the neighborhood?

The best way to handle most issues about something in the neighborhood is to ask the residence owners regarding your concern. Most of the time, a short conversation with your neighbor can explain and alleviate a concern. If there is an ongoing issue that is violating a city ordinance, Rochester Hills provides a code compliance process to notify and eventually fine the residence in question. Some of the items that the city of Rochester Hills monitors include blight, commercial vehicles, illegal signs, inoperable cars, and recreation vehicles.