



NOISE ORDINANCE

→ A GUIDE TO HENRICO COUNTY'S NOISE ORDINANCE AND NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS

Noise Ordinance Codes

- [§ 10-67](#). Penalty and enforcement.
- [§ 10-68](#). Prohibited noises enumerated.

Sound-producing and sound-reproducing noises from a residential property, heard plainly inside another resident's dwelling, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Music
- Instruments
- Televisions
- Loudspeakers
- Amplifiers



What is NOT included in the daytime noise ordinance?

- Children playing.
- Lawn care activities.
- Noise from commercial buildings or other non-residential properties.
- Noise from recreation or athletic facilities.
- Noise not heard within another person's residential dwelling.



What is prohibited at night?

Loud noises in residential areas between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Lawn care activities, such as lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and other lawn maintenance tools.
- Social gatherings and parties of ten or more people heard inside another resident's dwelling or at a distance of 100 feet or more.
- Sound producing and sound-reproducing noises from a residential property, such as music, instruments, televisions, etc when heard inside another resident's dwelling or at a distance of 50 feet or more.

- Noises listed in the “**Any Time, Any Day**” section of this brochure.

Additional Prohibitions

The following noises are also prohibited in residential areas:

- Trash and recycling collection, between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m.
- Street cleaning and construction, between 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Any Time, Any Day

The following area prohibited any time of the day, and day of the week:

- Noisy animals, such as a dog barking, heard at least once every minute for ten consecutive minutes when heard inside another resident’s dwelling or at a distance of 100 feet or more. **Note: This does not apply to commercial dwellings such as a kennel or a veterinary office during daytime hours.**



- Amplified noise and/or music heard from a vehicle heard from at least 50-feet away.

Exceptions

There are a few exceptions to these ordinances, including sound necessary for the protection of a

person or property, emergency response vehicles, parades and other public special events and more. Please see the full **Henrico County Code § 10-68** for more information.

What can I do about violations?

Henrico Police encourages everyone to speak with their neighbors on their own before involving law enforcement for noise complaints.



You can also contact your property manager or HOA about any bothersome noise so they can make the resident of the community aware if you do not want to approach them yourself.

If these options do not help and you’d like an officer to assist you, please call the Henrico Police **non-emergency** number at **(804) 501-5000**.

Please see our **community resource guide** at henrico.gov/services/community-resource-guide/ for more information!

Please note that this brochure is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of everything included in the county code, and is for informational purposes only.

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