



# Recreational Vehicles or Equipment Storage Requirements

The Village of Cary's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) includes rules and regulations pertaining to the storage of recreational vehicles or equipment within the community. The storage of recreational vehicles or equipment is allowed as an accessory use to a residential dwelling unit under the standards in Section 3.7 of the UDO. This flyer is intended to provide residents with further guidance on how to properly store these items.

## VEHICLE CLASSES

Recreational vehicles and equipment are divided into two classes as detailed below.

- Class I = Travel trailers, campers, trucks with slide-in campers, watercraft, jet skis, all-terrain vehicles and such other recreational vehicles or equipment associated with summer use. Class I vehicles may be in temporary storage between April 1 and October 31.
- Class II = Snowmobiles and such other recreational vehicles or equipment that are associated primarily with winter use. Class II vehicles may be in temporary storage between November 1 and March 31.

## TEMPORARY STORAGE

Per Section 3.7.2, any vehicle in temporary storage shall be placed:

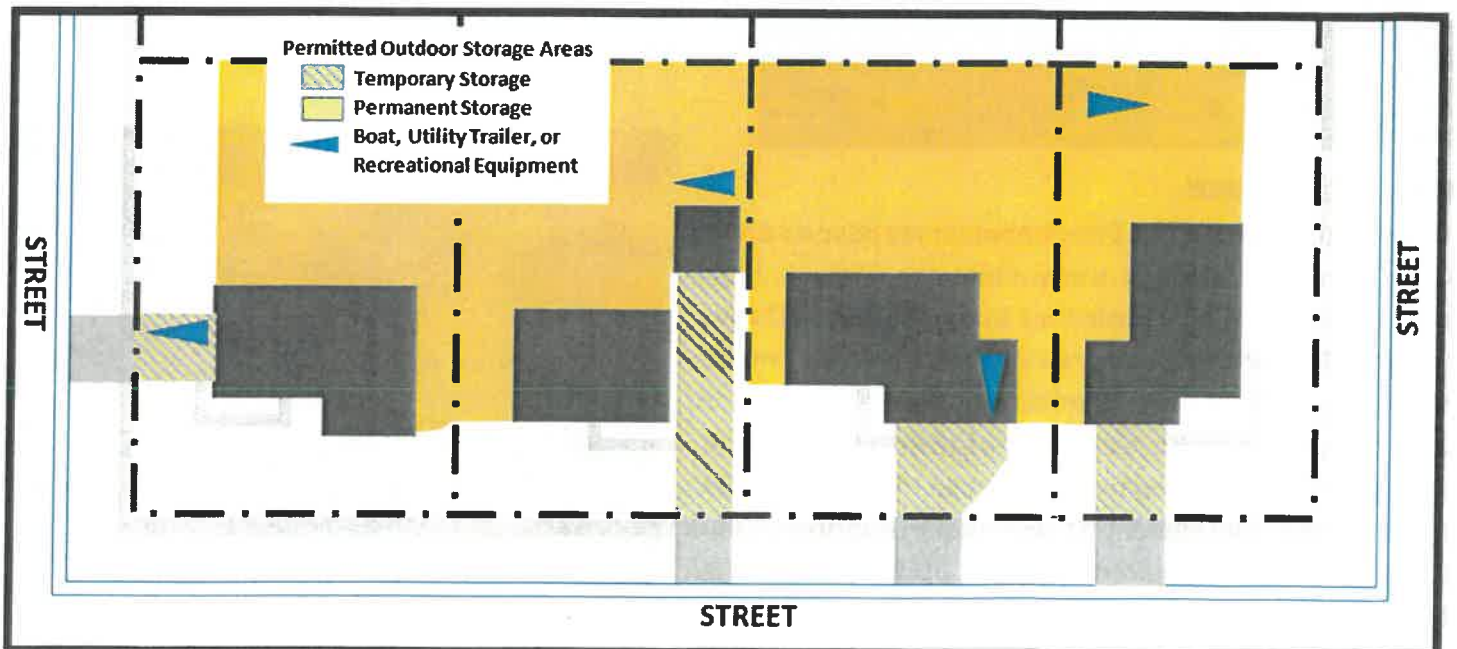
- 1) In a vehicle accommodation area between the principal building and a front lot line; or
- 2) In a vehicle accommodation area between the principal building and an exterior side lot line; or
- 3) Within an area that meets the permanent storage requirements (see below).

## PERMANENT STORAGE

Recreational vehicles stored on a property outside of time periods allowed for temporary storage, or placed in an area that does not meet the temporary storage requirements, shall be considered in permanent storage.

Recreational vehicles or equipment in permanent storage must be placed in one of the following locations:

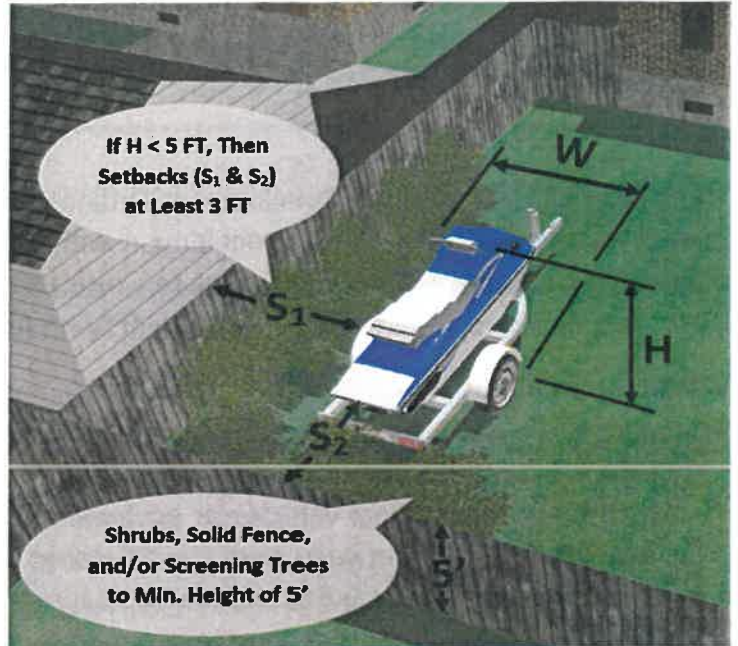
- 1) Within a fully enclosed structure (i.e. shed / garage); or
- 2) Within an area between the principal building and interior side lot line; or
- 3) Between the rear of the principal building and rear lot line.



The permanent storage of recreational vehicles and equipment is limited to one yard. Vehicles and equipment shall be properly screened from adjacent land uses as detailed below:

### Recreational Vehicles or Equipment Less Than Five (5) Feet in Height

- Recreational vehicles less than five (5) feet in height shall be setback at least three (3) feet from any property line. In order for a recreational vehicle to be placed within a side or rear yard the distance between the principal building and adjacent lot line shall be equal to at least three (3) feet plus the width of the vehicle.
- A screen consisting of shrubs, solid fences, screening trees, or a combination thereof to a height of at least five feet (5) shall be provided adjacent to the recreational vehicle.
- Example of setback and screening requirements shown in figure to right.



### Recreational Vehicles or Equipment Greater Than Five (5) Feet in Height

- Recreational vehicles greater than five (5) feet in height shall be setback at least seven (7) feet from any property line. In order for a recreational vehicle to be placed within a side or rear yard the distance between the principal building and adjacent lot line shall be equal to at least seven (7) feet plus the width of the vehicle.
- A screen consisting of a six (6) foot solid fence and screening trees shall be provided adjacent to the recreational vehicle.
- Example of setback and screening requirements shown in figure to left.



### RV PARKING PERMITS

The Director of Community Development may issue a permit to any property owner to allow them to place on their property a recreational vehicle for a period of seven (7) days in order that the vehicle may be cleaned, repaired or made ready for use, or to accommodate a driver, passenger or user of the vehicle who is from out-of-town and visiting the residents of the property. Contact the Community Development Department if you require approval of a permit per these requirements for a time period when temporary storage is not permitted.