



## The Neighborhood Response Team is coming to your Neighborhood.

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The City of Columbia's Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) will be inspecting residential and commercial structures in your neighborhood in the coming weeks. The purpose of these assessments is to help bring City resources to those neighborhoods most in need in order to maintain them as clean and safe places to live, work, and raise a family. Only those things that can be observed from the street are being reviewed.

### Common code violations that the NRT will be looking for include:

- Broken Windows
- Cracked Foundations
- Deteriorated Garages/Sheds
- Broken gutters/Gutters full
- Deteriorated exterior walls
- Peeling Paint
- Deteriorated Roofs
- Deteriorated Soffit and fascia
- House numbers not visible
- Porches and decks in disrepair
- Interior furniture outside
- Accumulations of trash in yard
- Weeds/Grass over 12" in height
- Car tires in yard
- Unlicensed vehicles
- Inoperable and dismantled vehicles
- Broken and leaning fences

The Office of Neighborhood Services is providing this notice in advance of the survey to give you an opportunity to assess your property and make repairs as necessary. The City has several programs for eligible residents that can be of assistance to homeowners in repairing issues such as these, including the Code Deficiency Abatement Program, which provides limited funds to eligible homeowners for repairing minor structural problems. There are also several non-profit organizations in Columbia who may be able to provide volunteer assistance. Please contact our office to receive more information about these assistant programs.

Help fight crime in your neighborhood by forming a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood. For more information go to: [www.columbianeighborhoodwatch.org](http://www.columbianeighborhoodwatch.org).

If you rent your home, feel free to share this notice with your landlord.

Should your home be in violation of the City's property maintenance code during the NRT survey, the Office of Neighborhood Services will send a formal notice directing that corrective action be taken.

For more information, please contact the Office of Neighborhood Services.

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