Kane County Board adopts new property maintenance ordinance

Kane County's new property maintenance law takes effect in the unincorporated areas of the county on May 1, 2008. The basic goal of property maintenance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, as well as protecting property values. The new law also applies to property zoned for farming if it is not used for agriculture.

To find out if your property is in violation of the law, you can view the complete version online at www.kanehealth.com or www.countyofkane.org. If an inspector finds a violation, the owner will receive a written notice listing what needs to be done and how long they have to finish it.

You can find a full listing of resources that are available to help property owners at www.kanecountyguide.org. The Web site is a free, confidential, bilingual information and referral program that is available to everyone. It is easily searchable by keyword, agency or geography.

You can file a complaint by calling (630) 762-2770

How can I be a good neighbor?

Here are some tips:

- Keeping your lawn mowed and free of trash is one of the best ways to be a good neighbor.
- Parking inoperable or commercial vehicles hurts private property values and adds to neighborhood blight.
- The outside of your home should be in good repair. The owner should report graffiti immediately and remove it if possible.
- Please do not block public sidewalks with parked cars.