

New Rules on Basketball Hoops

Communication from our members is important to us, and we listen. Thanks to such inputs, we've adopted some new rules on temporary basketball hoops. In the past, the hoops had to either be permanently installed or be moved out of sight when not in use, but if they had the proper ballast they were very difficult to move. The new rules allow you to keep those temporary hoops in a permanent location, subject to a couple of conditions. For one, they have to have the proper ballast, and for another they must be no closer than midway down the driveway and no closer than 10 feet to the sidewalk. The complete new language is below, and will be posted to the web site. Thanks to the homeowners who made the suggestion! And if you have suggestions for improvement in our Architectural Guidelines, please let us know. We'd be happy to consider them.

BASKETBALL BACKBOARDS - Committee approval is required. If garage mounted, the backboard and support structure should be clear or painted the same color as the house, unless otherwise approved by the Committee. Garage mounted backboards in the front yard may not project more than two feet (2) from the front of the garage. Rims and nets on all types of basketball units must be maintained in a neat and clean appearance. Temporary basketball backboards also are acceptable but must be placed in such a manner that they do not block sidewalks and pedestrian walkways and are not placed in streets. If the homeowner wishes to leave the temporary hoop standing, it must be placed in a position not closer to the street than midway between the house and sidewalk, and in no case closer than ten (10) feet to the sidewalk. When left standing, hoops must be secured with proper ballast (e.g., water or sand in the base) per the manufacturer's instructions (e.g., may not place rocks, bricks or other weights on the ballast mechanism). If the temporary basketball hoop is beyond the midpoint of the driveway or closer than ten (10) feet to the sidewalk, it must be stored behind the fence or in the garage when not in use.