City Codes and Ordinances

How much do you think you know?
Dare to try the trivia!
How long after it stops snowing do you have to shovel the sidewalk?

a.) 24 hours  
b.) 48 hours  
c.) no time limit  
d.) you only have to shovel if there is more than two inches
The answer is A.

You have 24 hours for any amount of snow.

So when you leave town, like for holidays, it’s a good idea to ask a neighbor to cover your sidewalk for you.
How many unrelated people can live in a six bedroom off-campus dwelling in Fort Collins?

a. 3  
b. 6  
c. There is no limit
The answer is A.

Only 3 unrelated people per dwelling, unless the residence has an increased occupancy permit.

Some apartments are approved for four, and they are: Ram’s Crossing, The Lofts at Campus West, Ram’s Point, and Ram’s Village.
What is the maximum height a lawn can be without violating city code?

a) 3 inches

b) There is no maximum

c) Only weeds have a height limit

d) 6 inches
The answer is D.
Lawns can be in violation if they are over 6 inches tall.
What is the definition of a riot?

a.) a chaotic disturbance created by a large number of people

b.) 3 or more people and property damage

c.) 1 person and a burning vehicle
The answer is B.

A riot is considered 3 or more people and property damage
What is the consequence of engaging in a riot?

a.) $500 fine

b.) $1000 fine, one night in jail and requirement to attend a Party Partners class

c.) $1000 and/or 12 months in jail, and mandatory suspension from all state universities in Colorado for at least 1 year

d.) none of the above
The answer is C.

$1000 and/or 12 months jail and mandatory suspension for 1 year
What could be the maximum fine for a 1st time noise offense if three roommates share a house?

- A) $500
- B) $1000
- C) $3000 ($1000 for each roommate)
The answer is C.
The fine *can* be $1000 *per* roommate.
You and your roommates have a moving-in party.

You receive a noise ticket and later find out that the previous tenants had a moving-out party and got a ticket.

Should you be concerned?
The answer is YES.

The property can become a PUBLIC NUISANCE.

Because this house has received two tickets for the same thing in a six month period it can be a public nuisance. Violations follow the house not the person.

This ordinance makes it a misdemeanor criminal offense when nuisances effect neighboring property. A conviction carries up to a $1000 fine and possible jail or community service hours. Also you could be assessed for the cost of damages to neighboring property and the cost of police and fire overtime.

PNO takes effect if there are:
2 citations for the same violation in 6 months,
3 citations in 1 year,
or 5 citations in two years.
What you can do:

Call to check if your place has already received tickets.

The Neighborhood Services Office
970.224.6046
will let you know if your property has received tickets in the last two years.
The City of Fort Collins restricts all upholstered furniture in outdoor spaces. This includes all furniture that is visible to neighbors and passers-by.

True or False?
The answer is True.

Indoor furniture cannot be placed in your yard, roof, or porch. The city can have it removed and bill you for it.