

## Vacant Land Scan Coverage

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• House number and street of property</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Address numbers present</li></ul>
2	Vacant land
3	Sidewalks and driveways
4	Sanitation (Trash/litter)
5	Weeds exceed 10" in height
6	Accessory structures (fence/retaining wall)
7	Motor vehicles
8	Defacement of property (graffiti/damage)
9	Background information
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comments</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Time and date of property scanned</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volunteer rater</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood</li></ul>

# Omaha Neighborhood Scan Ratings Profile

Omaha Neighborhood Scan helps neighborhoods inventory the condition of their area's housing stock properties within the neighborhood, focusing on land use, environmental conditions and overall housing conditions.

Omaha Neighborhood Scan uses the International Property Maintenance Code (2000) to rate environmental and housing conditions. Important areas of the housing code are shown by number and section of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

## 302.1. Sanitation

- All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.
- The occupant shall keep that part of the exterior property which such occupant occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition.
- Exterior area must be maintained clean and free from rubbish and garbage.
- Each jurisdiction has neighborhoods within the overall community which have distinct characteristics.
- Deteriorated, low-cost housing may predominate in one area, while another has expensive, well-maintained housing units.
- Sanitation standards should be enforced uniformly and consistently.

### Things to look for

- Cluttered or littered driveway, yard or porch;
- Cluttered garages;
- Deteriorating, uncared for trees, lawns and shrubs.

### Ratings

- None: No problem; premises neat and orderly.
- Minor: Lawn unkempt; some litter; cluttered porch; etc. Less than 25% of property is slightly disordered.
- Major: Disorder an eyesore, will involve more than normal clean-up and maintenance to correct; more than 25% of property is slightly disordered.

## 302.4. Weeds

- All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 10" (254 mm).
- All noxious weeds shall be prohibited.
- Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

### Things to look for

- Criteria establishing maximum heights for grasses and weeds are necessary to reduce rodent shelters and pollen dust problems.
- All noxious weeds are prohibited.
- Cultivated flowers and gardens are not considered to be weeds. Cultivated is defined as "to loosen to dig (soil) around growing plants."
- Uncultivated gardens should be treated the same as weeds and tall grasses.

### Ratings

- No problem or Problem, noxious weeds in excess of 10".

## 302.8. Motor vehicles

- No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair or in the process of being stripped or dismantled.
- Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.

### Ratings

- No problem
- Problem, not parked on hard surface
- Problem, parked on street
- Problem, parked in driveway

# Environmental Conditions

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## 302.3. Sidewalks & driveways

- All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces must be kept usable and kept in proper repair.
- Walking surfaces that have deteriorated to a condition that presents a hazard to pedestrians must be repaired or replaced to eliminate the hazard and thus reduce the potential for accidents or injuries.

### Things to look for

- Cracks that are wider than a finger.
- Cracks with edges that are even or higher on one side than another.
- Sections are raised up or lower than surrounding areas.
- Concrete that has deteriorated due to weather and wear.

### Ratings

- None: Sidewalks/driveway shows no problems.
- Minor: Cracks in sidewalks/driveway are evident. Less than 25% of the area has cracks. Cracks do not present a walking or other hazard.
- Major: Major cracks and uneven areas. More than 25% of the area has cracks. Major walking hazard and weatherization problem for house/grounds.

## 302.7. Accessory structures

- Accessory structures must be maintained in accordance with the criteria established by the section.
- Property owners often give detached garages, sheds, fences, retaining walls and similar structures a lower maintenance priority than the primary structure.
- Thus, these structures are frequently in disrepair.

### Things to look for

- Roof problems,
- Rotting siding/boards,
- Broken windows,
- Structure needs painting,
- Structure looks slanted/not level.

### Ratings

- None: No problem. Premises neat and orderly.
- Minor: Property looks slightly disordered; need of paint or rust removal is slight on storage area; some litter/storage items visible. Less than 25% of storage area needs paint or exterior work.
- Major: Disorder is an eyesore and will involve more than normal clean-up; disrepair potentially a hazard to continued use. More than 25% of storage area needs paint or exterior work.

## 302.9. Defacement of property

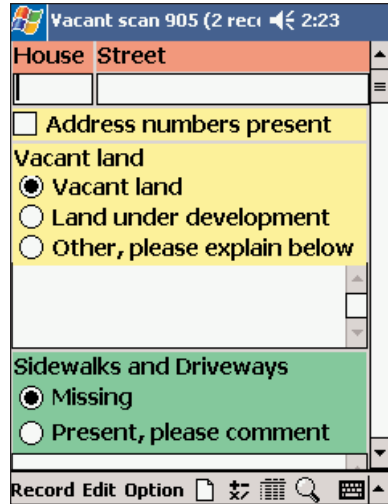
- No person shall willfully or wantonly damage, mutilate or deface any exterior surface of any structure or building on any private or public property by placing thereon any marking, carving or graffiti.
- It shall be the responsibility of the owner to restore said surface to an approved state of maintenance and repair.

### Ratings

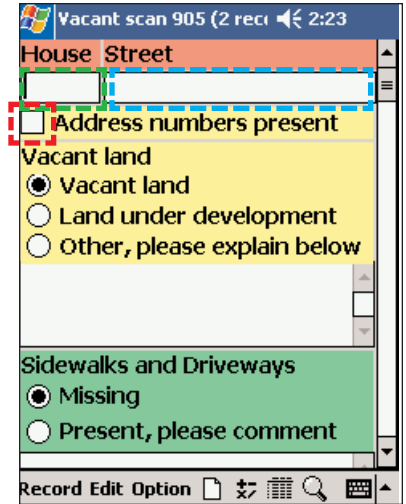
- No problem or Graffiti or Other damage

### Neighborhood Vacant Land Survey Tips

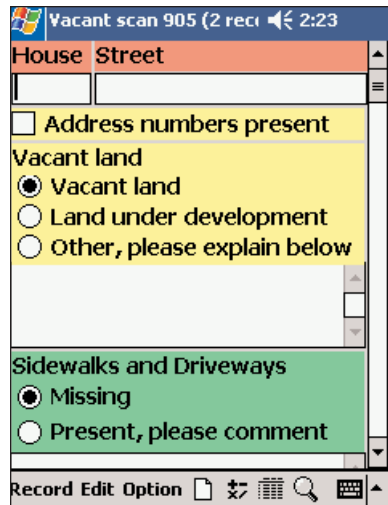
- When you open the Vacant scan 05 program, you should see this on the screen.
  - For each structure, you will record information, such as: Address and Street, Volunteer Rater, Time/Date and Neighborhood.
  - Address and street will be recorded at the beginning, the rest will be recorded at the end.



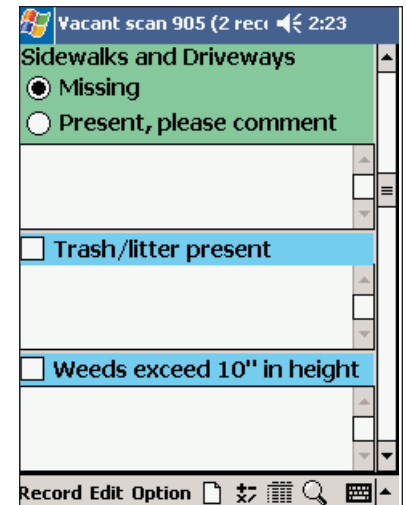
- On the address button, please enter the house number
  - On the Street button tap the drop down menu to select the street.
  - Tap the box next to "Address numbers present" if you found address number on the property, rather than from the parcel map.



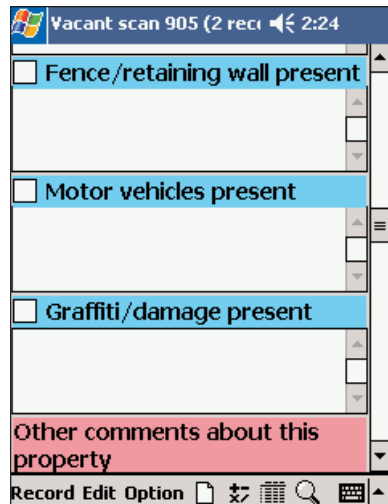
- The next question asks whether the land's vacant.
  - Only rate the land that is vacant or under development.
  - Tap the stylus on the correct response.
  - If you have some question about whether the land is vacant or under development, please explain in the space below
  - Please tap the stylus on keyboard on the bottom right hand corner to get the keyboard option.



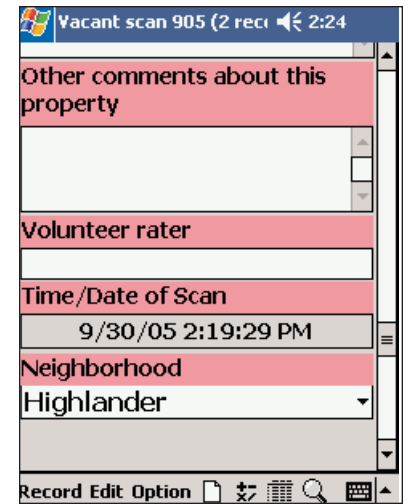
- The next set of questions asks about the grounds of the property, including sidewalks and driveways, sanitation (trash/litter), weeds, accessory structures, motor vehicles and defacement of property.
  - Tap the stylus if the condition is present.
  - To add comments, please tap the stylus on keyboard on the bottom right hand corner to get the keyboard option.



- Please finish answering the questions about the grounds of the property, including accessory structures (fence/retaining wall), motor vehicles and defacement of property.
  - Tap the stylus if the condition is present.
  - To add comments, please tap the stylus on keyboard on the bottom right hand corner to get the keyboard option.
  - Only add comments if you find anything noteworthy.



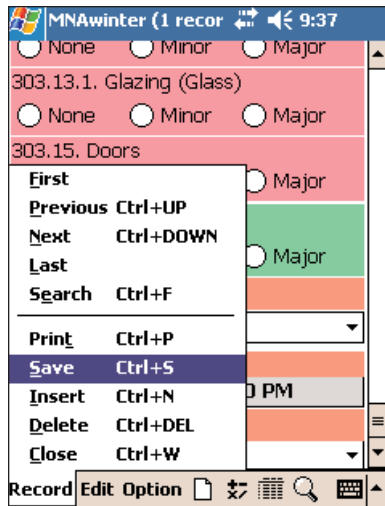
- The last few questions ask for additional comments about the property, your name (the volunteer rater), the time and date that you rated the property.
  - Tap the grey box that lists the date and time to update it.
  - Your neighborhood is the default neighborhood, so there is no need to update this box.



### Pocket PC Tips

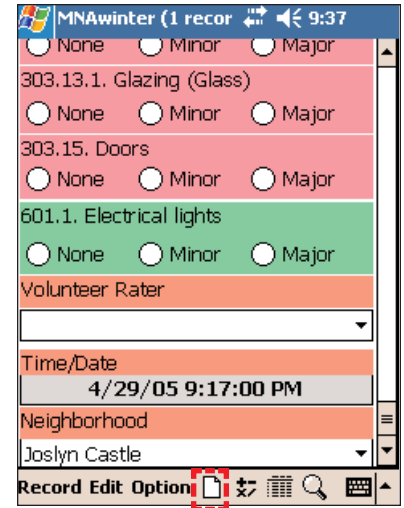
Remember to save after each you have completed rating each unit.

- With your stylus, tap the "Record" button in the lower left corner of the Pocket PC screen.
- Tap "Save" with your stylus.
- Press the power button to turn off your Pocket PC when it is not in use, even for a short time.



To begin rating the next house

- Tap the new page box in the bottom center of the screen. A clean screen should appear.
- Start the rating process over again, same as above.
- After you are done rating houses for the day, export your documents.

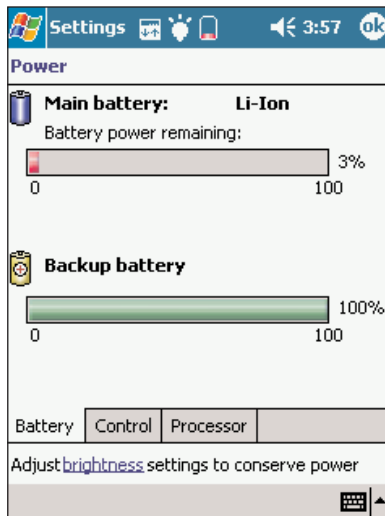


### Power-Saving Tips

Follow these suggestions to maximize the battery's operating time, particularly when you are relying solely on the battery power for extended time periods.

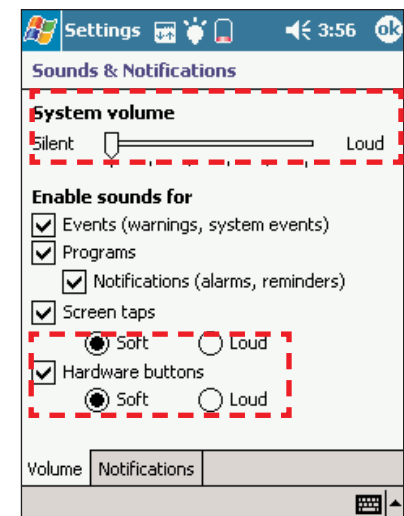
Check power frequently by:

- Tap Stylus on Start menu.
- Tap Settings.
- Tap Power.
- Charge as needed.



Turn off functions not needed or adjust settings.

- Lower the volume.
- Do not enable sounds or light flashing except for the most necessary notifications.
- Tap Stylus on Start menu.
- Tap Settings.
- Tap Sounds & Notifications.

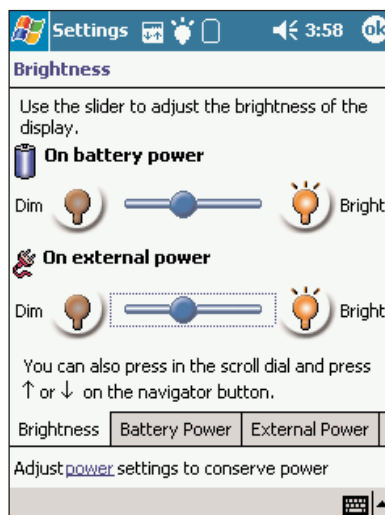


Suspend frequently.

- By default, the screen backlight will automatically turn off and the Pocket PC will also turn off when it has been idle for a period of time.

Check brightness by:

- Tap Stylus on Start menu.
- Tap Settings.
- Tap Brightness.



Turn off functions not needed or adjust settings.

- Shut down running programs that are not needed.
- Tap Stylus on Start menu.
- Tap Settings.
- Tap Memory.
- Tap Running Programs.
- Tap Stop All.

