

Code Enforcement

Mission:

To provide fair, sensitive, and timely responses to the concerns of the residents of Hawaiian Gardens in order to maintain and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

The Code Enforcement Division responds to complaints from citizens and other agencies regarding the enforcement of all Municipal Code regulations and Ordinances within the City of Hawaiian Gardens.

To help facilitate compliance with the City's standards, the City Council has initiated a program to help provide residents with an understanding of the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code as it relates to some of the more common code enforcement issues.

Other brochures in the series discuss the following issues:

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Bulky Items, Illegal Dumping
- Canopies/Small Tents and Tarps
- Graffiti
- Vendors and Peddlers

Pride and Responsibility

It is the City's goal to achieve voluntary compliance. We encourage tenants and property owners to take pride and responsibility in maintaining their properties.

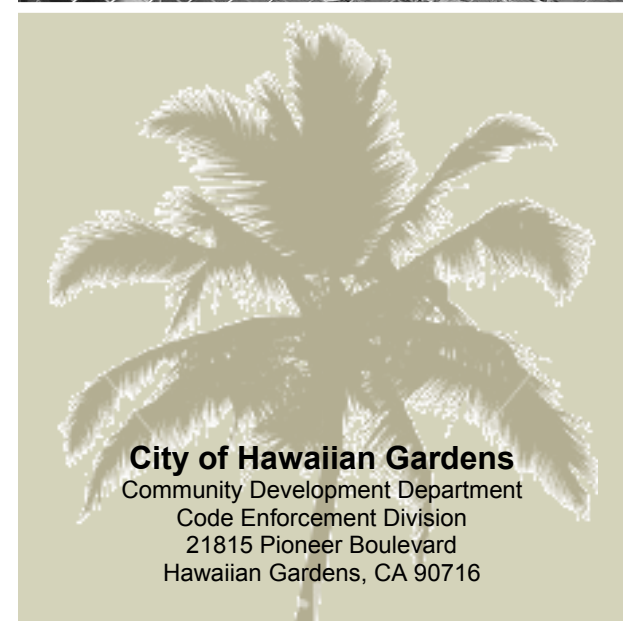
If you have any questions regarding this issue or would like to report a problem with trash and debris or other code enforcement issue in your neighborhood, please call the City of Hawaiian Gardens Code Enforcement Division at (562) 420-2641 Ext. 221/224/277.



Example of trash and debris overflowing dumpster.

Trash and Debris

Understanding Code Enforcement General Guidelines



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The Problem

When trash, debris, and junk is allowed to accumulate on private properties within the City of Hawaiian Gardens or yards are allowed to become overgrown, it negatively impacts the overall appearance of the City and tarnishes the image the City presents to visitors and prospective investors in our community. Trash, debris, and junk left within public view in the front, side, or rear yards immediately transforms the property into an unsightly mess if it is not removed at once.

The City of Hawaiian Gardens in conjunction with the Community Development Department and Code Enforcement encourages residents to voluntarily correct any issues with unsightly conditions on their property created as a result of the accumulation of trash, debris, and junk on their property. This brochure is intended to highlight some of the more common problems Code Enforcement encounters with regards to property maintenance.

Trash and Debris

Trash, debris, and junk is not permitted to be placed outside of an enclosed structure or trash container for a period a time longer than the next scheduled trash collection day.

Trash, debris, and junk cannot be left in a front, side, or rear yard. Trash, debris and junk includes:

- Auto parts and/or tires;
- Furniture and/or appliances;
- Building materials;
- Trash such as discarded paper, cardboard, plastics, etc; and
- Debris such as tree trimmings and fallen limbs.

When residents, businesses, or other entities who own or have the care or management of any real property and knowingly allows any portion of the property to become so unsightly as to distract from the appearance of the immediate neighborhood, and who fails to remedy the condition after being issued a warning or Administrative Citation (s) by Code Enforcement may be found guilty of a misdemeanor.

Outdoor Storage

Outdoor storage, meaning items outside of a legal structure built for the purpose of storage, is prohibited. The general rule of thumb is that any equipment, materials or furnishings that would ordinarily not be used outdoors, may not be stored outdoors. For example, you may not keep indoor furniture, household appliances, auto parts or building materials outside.

Any items that are for outdoor use should be stored inside an enclosed structure or in the rear yard where it is not visible by the public.

Permitted outdoor items include patio table and chairs, lawnmower, and barbeque grill. Furniture meant for indoor use, such as a couch or sofa, is prohibited from being placed outside in any yard, this prohibition extends to the front porch area.



Appliances located outside a home

Tarps are also prohibited and can not be used to cover any outdoor storage items.

Yard Maintenance

In addition to keeping trash, debris, and junk from accumulating on private property within the City of Hawaiian Gardens, overgrown grass, weeds, and other plant material should be maintained or removed.

The maintenance of properties within the City is the responsibility of every property owner and occupant of a building, grounds, or lot. Yard maintenance includes the cutting down or mowing of areas on a regular basis to prevent overgrown plant materials. Dead trees and limbs must be removed and vegetation and trees trimmed so as to not impair vision or obstruct the travel of motorists.



Overgrown weeds and plants

Code Enforcement

The situations described in this brochure are code violations. As such, Code Enforcement has the authority to issue warnings and Administrative Citations to property owner for having trash, debris, junk, or outdoor storage in their yard, and/or having an overgrown yard. Refer to the "Code Enforcement" brochure in this series for a full discussion of the role of Code Enforcement and the Administrative Citation Process.