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Improving the Appearance of Our  
Neighborhoods and Community



***A Guide for Residential  
Property Owners***

***Oakland's Blight Ordinance***  
*(Oakland Municipal Code, Section 8.24)*

*Keeping our City, Neighborhoods, and Community clean, safe and free of blight and attractive nuisances, is supported by the Oakland Municipal Code Chapter 8.24. It is designed to improve the appearance of Oakland streets and enhance the quality of the City's economic growth and social environment. The City encourages all to join with us in this effort to improve the community in which we live, play and work.*



**GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SERVICES**

All property owners must have adequate garbage collection service to contain and dispose of all trash and garbage generated on the property. To start or increase service, call the City's service provider, Waste Management of Alameda County at (510) 613-8710.

**SINGLE FAMILY HOMES, DUPLEXES,  
TRIPLEXES AND FOURPLEXES**

**Before Collection**

Place garbage cans and recycling bins at the curb or in your front yard **no earlier than 12 noon on the day before your scheduled collection.**

**After Collection**

**Remove cans or bins by 12 noon on the day after your scheduled collection.**

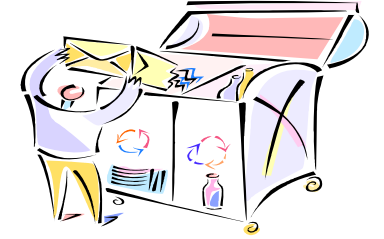
**Storage**

Cans and bins can be stored in your back yard or on the side of your home, but not in your front yard unless they are in an **enclosed approved storage area.**

**APARTMENT BUILDINGS**

**Before Collection**

Place garbage cans, recycling bins and dumpsters at the curb or in your front yard **no earlier than 5 pm the day before your scheduled collection.**



**After Collection**

**Remove cans, bins or dumpsters by 9 pm on the same day of your scheduled pick up.**

**Storage**

Garbage cans, recycling bins or dumpsters can only be stored in the front yard or on the side of your property if they are in an **enclosed approved storage area.**

**MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY**

Your property is an important asset to your neighborhood. The following will help it look its best.

**Front & Side Yards**

Keep your yards neat and tidy with grass and shrubbery trimmed. Remove overgrown weeds or cut to a height of 6 inches or less.

**Debris, Litter, Dirt and Garbage**

Remove and properly dispose of all debris that accumulates in your yard, walkway, driveway, sidewalk or gutters by the curb.

**Sofas, Appliances or Personal Property**

Do **not** store or place sofas, appliances, flea market items, mattresses or other objects considered for indoor use on your front porch or yard.

**Laundry**

Do not hang laundry in your front yard, porch or balcony facing the street.

### Vacant Lots

Vacant lots should be properly fenced to deter illegal dumping. Fencing can be chain link, wood or other approved material no higher than 6 feet. Do not install fencing within the public right-of-way.

### Vacant Buildings

Vacant buildings must be kept in good condition. Facades must be repainted if needed. The property must be swept and kept clean. Dilapidated signs no longer in use must be removed.



### PARKING

#### Cars, Recreational Vehicles, Boats and Trailers

Park your car in your driveway, on an approved paved front yard parking area, or on the street in a legal parking space. **Parking automobiles on your front lawn, front yard or sidewalk is prohibited.**

Recreational vehicles, boats and trailers can only be parked on your property in a fully enclosed garage.

#### Inoperable or Unlicensed Vehicles

Store inoperable or unlicensed vehicles in a fully enclosed building such as a garage or remove from the property. When repairing your car in your front driveway, repairs must be completed within 72 hours.

#### Commercial Trucks and Trailers

Trucks or trailers exceeding 10,000 lbs. (GVWR) cannot be parked on residential streets. Trucks and trailers exceeding 7,000 lbs. (GVWR) can only be parked on residential property in a fully enclosed garage.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Offensive Odors

Spray paints, chemicals used in car or other repairs, or strong pet odors which repeatedly carry to neighboring properties are prohibited.

### COMPLYING WITH THE LEGISLATION

#### Assessments \$ \$ \$

**If you receive a notice for violating these laws and do not comply within the time stated, you will be assessed a re-inspection and enforcement fee not less than \$2000.00. If fees are not paid within 30 days, a lien will be placed against the property and collected with the owner's property taxes. Additional assessments of at least \$500.00 will be made each time the unpaid fees are liened and recorded against the property.**

#### Assistance

The City of Oakland is here to help. Below see "City Services & Assistance" for a variety of resources to help you comply with the new legislation.

### CITY SERVICES & ASSISTANCE

#### To Report Problems or Obtain Information

##### Abandoned or Inoperative Vehicles:

**238-6030** Vehicles parked on the street  
**238-6040 or 238-3381** Vehicles on private property

**238-4703** Arrange for free removal of junk vehicles for the legal owner.



### ANIMALS:

(feral, stray or wild)

**777-3333** Animal Control Services-Police  
**535-5602** Oakland Animal Services  
**567-6800** Alameda County Vector Control (Rats/Pest/Wildlife Control)

### Blighted Conditions:

**238-3381** Deteriorated buildings, overgrown weeds, abandoned signs, land use violations, vacant lots and similar conditions.

### Garbage Service & Bulky Waste Pickup:

**613-8710** Waste Management of Alameda County

**238-4703** Graffiti Removal Hotline

**434-5101 or 444-3322** Illegal Dumping

**238-3381** Landslides and Improper Erosion Control Measures on Private Property

**615-5566** Litter Enforcement

### Household Hazardous Waste Disposal:

**1-800-606-6606** Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste

### Home Maintenance & Improvement Program:

**238-3531** Loans to low and moderate income homeowners for correcting code violations or making repairs. Other programs are also available to assist home or rental property owners making improvements.



### Safe Housing Paint Grant:

**238-3909** Provides free exterior paint to low and moderate income homeowners.

**238-3909** Neighborhood Housing Revitalization Program Vacant, Blighted 1 – 4 Units in the Community Development Districts

**567-6750** Free Paint Hotline



**238-SAVE** Oakland Recycles

**238-7283** Recycling and Garbage Collection Complaints



### NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Get involved in cleaning and greening your neighborhood!**

#### Adopt-A-Spot/Creek:

**238-7630** Community or creek cleanup

#### Maintain-A-Drain:

**434-4139** Clean and maintain a storm drain

#### Stencil Storm Drains:

**238-6600** To stencil "No Dumping! Drains to Bay"