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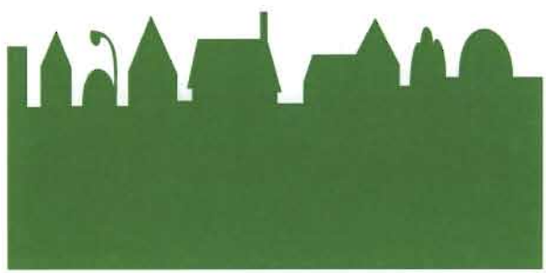
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Improving the Appearance of Our Neighborhoods and Community



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 any attractive nuisance, 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**.

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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 be stored in a fully enclosed accessory building or in an area which provides for a five-foot setback from any property line.

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 that 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:

777-8622	Vehicles parked on the street
777-8538 or 238-3381	Vehicles on private property



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
615-5566	Graffiti Removal Hotline
615-5566	Potholes, street and sidewalk blight, hazardous trees
238-3381	Landslides and Improper Erosion Control Measures on Private Property
615-5566	Creeks, Watershed, and Stormwater

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal:

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

Home Maintenance & Improvement Program:

238-3909	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:

238-7630	Clean and maintain a storm drain

Clean Water & Creek Hotline:

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