

Garbage, Rubbish Removal

Owners and occupants of all premises within the City shall:

- Discard garbage and household rubbish in a clean and sanitary way that prevents it from becoming a home for rodents, insects, or other pests.
- Store garbage and rubbish in leak-proof, watertight containers with tight-fitting lids. Plastic bags will not keep animals out of the garbage and should not be used for outdoor storage, except on scheduled pick-up days.
- Garbage shall not be stored outdoors on the ground or in utility trailers, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles, or anything other than approved trash containers.
- Remove garbage/trash at least once each week, or sooner if it creates a nuisance or threatens public health.
- Make arrangements for weekly service with a licensed trash pick-up and removal service to haul away garbage, refuse and rubbish, to include animal waste.
- Deposit no personal or household trash or garbage into public, private, or commercial containers.
- Keep sidewalks, driveways, yards and vacant lots clean and free of litter and garbage.

Junk removal and storage

Owners and occupants must store all "junk" inside an enclosed building, or it must be removed from the property.

Junk is defined as, any manufactured goods, appliance, fixture, furniture, machinery, vehicle, personal property or any other thing or part, whether of value or valueless, or demolished, discarded, dismantled, partially dismantled, dilapidated, or so worn, deteriorated or in a condition that it would not be normally usable in its current state for its original manufactured use. This shall include, by way of illustration only and without limitation, wood, used lumber, paper, glass, bottles, rags, rubber, scrap metal, tin cans; scrap material, waste, concrete, rubble, boxes, crates, building materials, or machinery or automobile parts.

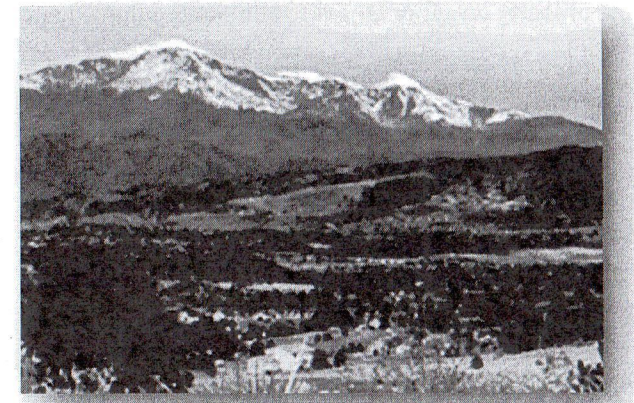
For additional information: visit to www.coloradosprings.gov and type code enforcement in the search bar.

Quick Reference Numbers

<u>Animal Carcass in Street</u>	385-5934
<u>Building Permit Information</u>	327-2880
<u>City of Colorado Springs Information</u>	385-2489
<u>Colorado Division of Housing</u>	303-866-2033
<u>Colorado Springs Police Department</u>	444-7000
<u>CRIME STOPPERS</u>	634-STOP
<u>Division of Wildlife</u>	227-5200
<u>El Paso County Health Department</u>	578-3199
<u>El Paso County Sheriff</u>	390-5555
<u>Environmental Protection Agency</u>	800-227-8917
<u>Graffiti Hotline</u>	634-5713
<u>Home Business Info</u>	385-5982
<u>Humane Society, Animal Welfare & Barking Dogs</u>	473-1741
<u>Neighborhood Justice</u>	520-6016
<u>Neighborhood Watch Info</u>	444-7592
<u>Noise (cars & music)</u>	444-7000
<u>Sidewalk Snow</u>	385-5977
<u>Street Department</u>	385-5934
<u>Street Lights</u>	385-5908
<u>Forestry</u>	385-5942

The City of Colorado Springs encourages neighbors to become community minded and to join together in providing safe, attractive neighborhoods and sanitary living condition for all citizens. Walk your neighborhood and meet your neighbors! Working together is the key to a successful property maintenance program. The Code Enforcement/Neighborhood Services Division invites residents to cooperate with one another in a "neighbor to neighbor" manner to resolve minor problems before contacting Code Enforcement at (719) 444-7891.

Neighborhood Information



CODE ENFORCEMENT Neighborhood Services Division

719-444-7891

www.coloradosprings.gov

What is Neighborhood Services?

Code Enforcement/Neighborhood Services is a division of the Planning & Development Department and plays an important role in preserving the attractive appearance of neighborhoods in Colorado Springs. Code Enforcement is responsible for the inspection of buildings and properties

Mission Statement:

To protect the health, safety and welfare of the city residents by mitigating physical signs of urban blight and social disorder through the enforcement of the City Code of Colorado Springs.

to ensure safe and sanitary living conditions for the residents of the City. Code Enforcement Officers are authorized to enter and inspect properties for the purpose of safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the occupants and general public. Occupants and/or owners of properties that have City Code violations are issued a Notice and Order. This is a written description of the code violation and an order to remedy the problem. It is Code Enforcement's goal to gain voluntary compliance whenever possible. However, failure to comply with a written Notice and Order may subject the property owner or tenant to additional enforcement action.

Our Responsibilities

Code Enforcement/Neighborhood Services is responsible for the inspection of privately and publicly owned residential buildings to assure that they meet the Housing Code Standards for the City of Colorado Springs and to ensure safe and sanitary living conditions for all the residents

- Public Health and Sanitation
- Minimum Housing Standards
- Oversize vehicle parking and storage in residential zones
- Junk
- Light Intrusion
- Weeds
- Litter
- Obstruction of Public Ways
- Graffiti
- Maintenance of adjacent rights of way
- Temporary Signs on public/city rights of way
- Noise Enforcement -for commercial to residential.
*For barking dogs 473-1741
*Music or loud parties 444-7000
- Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles
*Abandoned on city streets call 444-7000

Inspection fees for repeat offenders

The owner of a property which has been previously cited for one or more violations of the same chapter of the City Code at least two (2) or more times during any successive six (6) month period may be assessed a \$250 fee for each scheduled re-inspection necessitated by the repeat offender's continued violation.

Dwellings

Owners/occupants of dwellings within the city limits of Colorado Springs shall be responsible for:

- Dwellings that afford privacy and are kept in sound condition and good repair.
- Dwellings being weather-tight, watertight and rodent resistant.
- Stairs, porches, sidewalks, shall be capable of supporting normal loads and kept in sound condition and good repair.
- Removal of snow from internal sidewalks for multi family residential properties within 24 hours after end of snowfall. (Please contact Public Works at 385-5977 for single family Neighborhoods & public sidewalk snow removal).
- Dwelling interiors must be kept free of trash, garbage, animal and/or human waste, or any condition that constitutes a health hazard to occupants or surrounding neighbors.
- Occupied dwellings must be supplied with utility services at all times, (gas, electric and water, where applicable).
- Residential dwellings must be kept free of all insect and rodent infestations. Owners of dwellings with two or more units are responsible for pest extermination.

Weeds and Plant Growth

Owners /occupants shall cut and remove weeds or collections of cutting, mowing, or other grasses:

- Located within 55 feet of a building and over 9 inches in height and/or if such growth poses any type of danger or hazard to pedestrians or traffic.
- Property adjoining a public right of way must cut weeds at least 9 feet back from edge of street or curb. If the growth on the property interferes with pedestrian or traffic line of sight for drivers it must be cut back to meet corner visibility standards.
- Property owner responsibility extends to the center of the alley behind the lot or tract of land, or from the rear lot line including all easements; if no alley exists your responsibility extends to & includes the curb & gutter area of the street in front of or the side of such lot or tract of land, including the area between sidewalk & curb.

Tree, Shrub, & Bush Maintenance

City Forestry 385-5942

The owner of any house, building, or property within the City shall not permit the branches of any shade, ornamental or other tree to project over any street, avenue or sidewalk, in front of or alongside of the house, building, or property, lower than eight feet (8') from the surface of the sidewalk and fourteen feet (14') over the surface of the alley or street. In estimating these heights, the City Forester shall consider the variation of height due to normal rain, snow, sleet and foliage conditions.

Unlicensed/inoperable Vehicles

All vehicles on private property must have a current license plate and be operable with the following exception. Only one vehicle as defined by Colorado Revised Statutes section 42-12-101, as "collectors' items" or "parts cars" may be stored outside of a building on any one property. The storage of two or more of such type of vehicles as defined is prohibited. If the one vehicle stored outside is an inoperable collector's item or parts car, it shall be stored in a manner so that it is screened from the view of any adjacent street, alley, or neighboring property.

Recreational Vehicles, Trailers

All recreational vehicles and trailers must be parked/stored in the side or rear yard when possible. Driveway parking and storage is allowed if the body of the RV or RV-trailer is at least ten feet (10') back from the inside of the sidewalk.

Animal Sanitation

For animal welfare and barking dogs please contact the Humane Society at 719-473-1741

Sanitary Requirements:

- Provide regular removal of animal waste into tightly closed, insect proof containers.
- Provide removal of collected animal waste, weekly, or sooner, if contents create a nuisance or threat to public health.

Temporary and garage sale signs

Temporary signs, no larger than six (6) square feet, may be placed in the City Right of Way from noon Friday to noon Monday only, be free standing, not placed on utility poles/boxes or traffic signs. The sign cannot be placed in the right of way adjacent to any residentially zoned property unless express permission is granted by the property owner. Signs are strictly prohibited in medians. Permanent and election signs placed in the City Right of Way must have a revocable permit obtained City Planning 385-5905.