

Greenlots Initiative Informational Packet

Understanding the Modern Homeless Encampment Crisis

Prepared for communities, volunteers, churches, city officials, businesses, and neighborhood organizations seeking practical solutions to growing encampment related hazards and public safety concerns.

Associated with [Greenlots Initiative](#) and [Union of Saints](#)

What Is a Homeless Encampment

A homeless encampment is an informal settlement where unhoused individuals gather for survival, shelter, protection, access to drugs, access to transportation corridors, or proximity to services.

Encampments may begin with:

- One tent or sleeping area
- Abandoned shopping carts or belongings
- Individuals sleeping near vacant lots
- Illegal dumping areas
- Public parks or washes
- Railroad corridors
- Sidewalk clusters
- Empty commercial properties
- Desert areas
- Highway underpasses

Over time, encampments can expand rapidly due to:

- Lack of enforcement
- Organized criminal activity
- Drug trafficking
- Open air drug markets
- Social collapse within certain districts

- Migration patterns
 - Mental health crises
 - Economic instability
 - Addiction
 - Government inaction
 - Fear of confrontation by municipalities
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Why Encampments Continue to Grow

Encampments grow when there is:

- No coordinated cleanup response
- No shelter transition strategy
- Weak prosecution of repeat offenders
- Open drug activity
- Illegal dumping tolerated
- Bureaucratic delays
- Political fear of criticism
- Corruption or misuse of funding
- Lack of accountability
- Lack of sanitation enforcement
- Public fatigue
- Failure to separate vulnerable homeless individuals from organized criminal exploitation

Some encampments eventually become hubs for:

- Drug trafficking
- Prostitution
- Human trafficking
- Pimping operations
- Stolen property markets
- Illegal weapons

- Assaults
- Fires
- Hazardous waste
- Needle accumulation
- Organized theft rings

Not every unhoused person is involved in criminal activity. Many are elderly, disabled, veterans, struggling families, or individuals suffering from addiction or mental illness. However, criminal organizations often exploit unstable environments where oversight is weak.

Fentanyl Trafficking and Drug Distribution

What Is Fentanyl

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid. Illicit fentanyl is frequently manufactured illegally and mixed into:

- Heroin
- Methamphetamine
- Counterfeit pills
- Cocaine
- Other street drugs

Small amounts can cause overdose and death.

Regions Commonly Identified in International Drug Trafficking Routes

Law enforcement agencies, border security officials, and international monitoring organizations have identified multiple regions connected to narcotics production, trafficking corridors, precursor chemical supply chains, cartel movement, money laundering, and transnational organized crime.

Frequently Referenced Regions

- China
Chemical precursor suppliers connected to synthetic drug manufacturing investigations.
- Mexico
Major cartel production and trafficking operations identified by United States law enforcement agencies.
- Honduras
Frequently discussed as a transit corridor in portions of regional narcotics trafficking routes.
- Guatemala
Referenced in investigations involving border smuggling and cartel logistics.
- El Salvador
Has faced challenges involving gang activity and organized criminal networks.
- Colombia
Historically associated with cocaine production and international trafficking organizations.
- Venezuela
Referenced in some international investigations involving trafficking routes and organized crime.
- Peru
Connected to coca cultivation and cocaine supply chains.
- Ecuador
Increasingly discussed regarding port trafficking and cartel transit activity.
- Afghanistan
Historically associated with illicit opium production and heroin trafficking.
- Myanmar
Parts of the “Golden Triangle” region have long been associated with narcotics production.
- Canada
Some investigations have involved synthetic drug production and money laundering concerns.

Drug trafficking is conducted by criminal organizations, cartels, traffickers, gangs, and corrupt networks.

Hazards Commonly Found at Encampment Sites

Public Health Hazards

- Human waste
- Rotting food
- Drug residue
- Contaminated needles
- Biohazards
- Animal infestations
- Water contamination
- Smoke inhalation
- Disease spread

Fire Hazards

- Open flames
- Improvised electrical wiring
- Propane explosions
- Brush fires
- Burn pits
- Cooking accidents

Criminal Hazards

- Assault
- Theft
- Human trafficking
- Sexual exploitation
- Narcotics trafficking
- Organized crime recruitment
- Weapon possession

Environmental Hazards

- Trash accumulation
 - Chemical dumping
 - Damaged ecosystems
 - Shopping cart abandonment
 - Blocked drainage systems
 - Pollution of parks and waterways
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Fraud Waste and Abuse

Communities frequently raise concerns regarding:

- Public funding disappearing without measurable results
- Nonprofit misuse of funds
- Government contracts lacking oversight
- Repeated spending without permanent solutions
- Temporary cleanups without long term enforcement
- Inflated administrative costs
- Mismanagement of housing programs
- Political favoritism

Citizens often question why billions of dollars can be spent nationally while visible street conditions continue to worsen in some regions.

Why Some Governments Struggle to Address Encampments

Possible contributing factors include:

- Limited shelter capacity
- Legal restrictions
- Court rulings
- Political division

- Fear of lawsuits
- Lack of coordinated agencies
- Resource shortages
- Public backlash
- Corruption
- Weak leadership
- Activism conflicts
- Lack of enforcement consistency

Some cities cycle through:

1. Encampment growth
2. Temporary cleanup
3. Reoccupation
4. Emergency response
5. Repeat cycle

Without long term systems, the problem often returns.

Understanding “Ghettoing”

The term “ghettoing” historically refers to the forced concentration, isolation, or deterioration of populations into neglected or heavily controlled areas.

One of the most widely recognized historical examples occurred during World War II under Nazi Germany, where ghettos were used to isolate populations before further persecution and atrocities occurred.

Modern discussions sometimes use the term to describe:

- Severe urban deterioration
- Concentrated poverty
- Abandonment of neighborhoods
- Institutional neglect
- Economic collapse
- Social destabilization
- Public disorder

- Entrenched criminal activity

Modern situations may compare to historical events. Citizens may use the term to express concern about visible breakdowns in safety, infrastructure, sanitation, or community order within struggling communities.

Why Communities Are Concerned

Residents often report:

- Fear for children
- Unsafe parks
- Needles near schools
- Business closures
- Graffiti
- Fires
- Property damage
- Increased theft
- Public drug use
- Violence
- Economic decline
- Reduced tourism
- Mental strain
- Loss of trust in institutions

Businesses may leave affected areas, worsening economic decline and increasing instability.

What Greenlots Initiative Proposes

The [Greenlots Initiative](#) focuses on practical, community driven action.

Core Goals

- Restore public safety
- Remove hazardous waste

- Assist vulnerable unhoused individuals
 - Coordinate volunteer cleanup efforts
 - Return shopping carts
 - Improve sanitation
 - Create communication systems for assistance
 - Connect people with services
 - Support lawful public spaces
 - Reduce long term encampment formation
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Greenlots Initiative Action Plan

Step 1

Identify hazardous encampment zones

Step 2

Document:

- Trash accumulation
- Biohazards
- Fire hazards
- Illegal dumping
- Drug paraphernalia
- Public safety risks

Step 3

Coordinate with:

- Churches
- Local businesses
- Volunteers
- Sanitation services
- Outreach groups

- Law enforcement when necessary

Step 4

Post notices for:

- Cleanup operations
- Vacate warnings
- Assistance opportunities
- Shelter resources
- Food programs

Step 5

Separate humanitarian outreach from criminal activity:

- Offer food and resources
- Encourage shelter transition
- Report trafficking and violent crimes
- Remove hazardous waste

Step 6

Maintain areas consistently so they are not immediately reoccupied.

Community Based Solutions

Potential solutions communities discuss include:

- Mental health treatment
- Drug rehabilitation
- Transitional housing
- Employment programs
- Sanitation enforcement
- Public camping regulation
- Stronger trafficking enforcement
- Border security measures

- Anti corruption oversight
 - Neighborhood cleanup coalitions
 - Community patrols
 - Youth programs
 - Faith based outreach
 - Rapid response cleanup teams
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What Citizens Can Do

Citizens may:

- Report hazardous conditions
- Volunteer in cleanup efforts
- Support food programs
- Assist with outreach
- Document public hazards responsibly
- Attend city meetings
- Demand accountability
- Support lawful community standards
- Help vulnerable individuals connect with services

Citizens should avoid:

- Vigilantism
- Violence
- Harassment
- Illegal confrontations
- Discriminatory behavior

Public safety efforts should remain lawful, organized, and documented.

Final Statement

The encampment crisis affects cities, towns, businesses, families, public servants, and vulnerable unhoused individuals alike. Many communities believe the issue has evolved beyond temporary homelessness into a broader crisis involving addiction, trafficking, exploitation, sanitation failure, and civic instability.

The [Greenlots Initiative](#) seeks to encourage practical action, cleanup coordination, lawful accountability, humanitarian outreach, and long term restoration of public spaces through organized community involvement.

Please remember, needles and other hazards can be similar to “land mines,” and helpers and volunteers should be very careful not to harm themselves during the cleanup process. Using proper tools for handling trash and conducting vigilant, military style sweeps of the area can be an effective strategy for identifying and avoiding dangerous materials.

Thank you for caring and for being a truly great community servant.

~Union of Saints

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Step-by-Step Homeless Encampment Cleanup & Community Restoration Plan

Purpose

This guide is designed to help communities safely, lawfully, and compassionately restore public spaces affected by homeless encampments while also connecting individuals with support services, shelter, food, sanitation, and outreach resources.

Phase 1: Preparation & Coordination

1. Assess the Site

Before entering the area:

- Identify:
 - Number of tents or structures
 - Hazardous materials
 - Trash accumulation
 - Biohazards (needles, human waste, spoiled food)
 - Fire damage or burn pits
 - Grocery carts or stolen property
 - Vulnerable individuals needing emergency help
 - Photograph the site for documentation purposes.
 - Determine:
 - Public property vs. private property
 - Immediate safety risks
 - Nearby schools, parks, businesses, or residences
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2. Coordinate With Authorities & Services

Contact appropriate organizations before cleanup begins:

- Public Works Department
 - Sanitation/Waste Management
 - Local outreach organizations
 - Mental health response teams
 - Law enforcement (only if necessary for safety)
 - Fire department if fire hazards exist
 - Environmental health agencies
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3. Post Advance Notices

Place visible notices throughout the area:

Include:

- Cleanup date and time
- Vacate instructions
- Resource hotline numbers
- Shelter and meal locations
- Storage or retrieval information (if applicable)

Suggested Notice Language

“This area is scheduled for cleanup and restoration. Please remove personal belongings by [DATE/TIME]. Outreach services and assistance resources are available. Unsafe or abandoned materials may be removed for public health and safety purposes.”

Phase 2: Outreach & Humanitarian Support

4. Conduct Outreach First

Approach individuals respectfully and calmly.

Offer:

- Water
- Hygiene kits
- Food assistance information
- Shelter referrals
- Transportation contacts
- Medical or mental health referrals

Avoid confrontation whenever possible.

5. Community Sign-Up Assistance

Provide:

- Printed assistance forms
- Pens and clipboards
- Contact request sheets

Allow individuals to voluntarily provide:

- Name
 - Phone number
 - Preferred shelter location
 - Immediate needs
 - Veteran status
 - Medical concerns
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Phase 3: Safety Procedures

6. Safety Equipment for Volunteers

All volunteers should wear:

- Heavy-duty gloves
- Closed-toe boots
- Reflective vests

- Masks if necessary
- Eye protection

Recommended supplies:

- Trash grabbers
 - Sharps containers
 - Biohazard bags
 - First aid kits
 - Water and sunscreen
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7. Hazard Identification

DO NOT directly handle:

- Needles
- Chemicals
- Weapons
- Human waste
- Unknown powders/substances

Instead:

- Mark the area
 - Contact trained hazardous waste personnel
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Phase 4: Cleanup Operations

8. Separate Waste Categories

General Trash

- Food containers
- Packaging
- Broken furniture
- Clothing debris

Recyclables

- Aluminum cans
- Cardboard
- Plastic bottles

Biohazards

- Needles
- Human waste
- Blood-contaminated materials

Salvageable Property

If local laws require:

- Store tagged belongings temporarily
 - Document collected items
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9. Remove Graffiti & Fire Hazards

Address:

- Burn pits
- Propane tanks
- Fire-damaged materials
- Graffiti
- Broken glass

Inspect for:

- Hidden embers
 - Fuel containers
 - Structural instability
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10. Grocery Cart Recovery

If carts are present:

- Identify store ownership

- Contact participating businesses
- Use cart recovery tags if available

Document:

- Number of carts recovered
 - Store names
 - Pickup dates
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Phase 5: Site Restoration

11. Sanitize the Area

After debris removal:

- Pressure wash surfaces if appropriate
 - Apply disinfectants
 - Remove sharp debris
 - Clear vegetation hazards
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12. Restore Community Use

Consider:

- Community gardens
- Lighting improvements
- Fencing repairs
- Volunteer maintenance schedules

The goal is long-term restoration, not temporary displacement.

Phase 6: Follow-Up & Prevention

13. Continued Outreach

Return periodically with:

- Outreach teams
 - Food assistance
 - Case management
 - Mental health services
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14. Monitor the Area

Create:

- Volunteer watch schedules
- Reporting systems
- Maintenance checklists

Track:

- Illegal dumping
 - Fire hazards
 - Encampment reformation
 - Sanitation concerns
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Volunteer Rules & Conduct

Always:

- Treat people respectfully
- De-escalate conflicts
- Work in teams
- Stay aware of surroundings
- Document concerns

Never:

- Use threats or intimidation
- Touch people's belongings unnecessarily
- Enter tents without permission or legal authority

- Handle hazardous materials without training
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Suggested Supplies Checklist

Cleanup Supplies

- Trash bags
- Rakes
- Shovels
- Brooms
- Gloves
- Buckets
- Disinfectant
- Sharps containers

Humanitarian Supplies

- Water
- Socks
- Hygiene kits
- Resource pamphlets
- Snacks
- Blankets

Administrative Supplies

- Clipboards
 - Pens
 - Sign-up sheets
 - Printed notices
 - Incident forms
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“Step By Step, We Can Make It If We Try.”

Community restoration works best when safety, sanitation, accountability, and compassion are addressed together.

<h1>ACTIVISM</h1> <p>BUILDS. UPLIFTS. UNITES.</p>	<h1>CIVIL WAR</h1> <p>DESTROYS. DIVIDES. HARMS.</p>
 <p>FEEDING Nourishing people. Restoring dignity.</p> 	 <p>GRAFFITI Defacing public and private property.</p> 
 <p>CLOTHING Keeping people warm and covered.</p>  <p>DONATE CLOTHES SHARE HOPE</p>	 <p>VANDALISM Destroying what others built.</p> 
 <p>SHELTERING Providing safety, hope and a place to heal.</p>  <p>A SAFE PLACE A FRESH START</p>	 <p>ARSON Burning communities. Endangering lives.</p> 
 <p>CHARITY Giving from the heart.</p> 	 <p>THROWING BRICKS AT PUBLIC SERVANTS Attacking those who serve and protect.</p> 
 <p>KINDNESS Small actions. Big impact. Stronger communities.</p>  <p>BE KIND BE THE CHANGE</p>	 <p>HOISTING FOREIGN FLAGS Rejecting your nation. Sowing division. Serving foreign interests.</p> 
<p>VS.</p> <p>CHOOSE BUILDING. CHOOSE UNITY. CHOOSE HOPE. A BETTER COMMUNITY STARTS WITH EACH OF US.</p> <p>GREENLOTS INITIATIVE <i>Greenlots Initiative</i></p>	

GreenLots Team Guidelines

Our Mission

At GreenLots, our goal is to restore and maintain spaces that are clean, welcoming, peaceful, and enjoyable for the public. We work hard, support one another, and take pride in leaving every location better than we found it.

Team Rules & Standards

1. Be Respectful

Treat fellow team members and the public with kindness, patience, and professionalism at all times.

2. Maintain a Positive Environment

The goal is to uplift morale, encourage cooperation, and create a productive atmosphere for everyone involved.

3. No Harassment or Degrading Conduct

Bullying, intimidation, demeaning language, activist-style hostility, or behavior intended to shame or dominate others is not welcome and will not be tolerated.

4. Enjoy the Environment

Fresh air, open space, and good energy are part of the experience. Stay grounded and maintain a positive presence.

5. Be Peaceful and Productive

A calm and easygoing tempo is encouraged, especially in the mornings, while still maintaining focus on completing the mission efficiently.

6. Treat Each Lot with Pride

Approach each property as a space being restored for community enjoyment. Cleanliness, presentation, and care matter.

7. Maintain a Good Work Tempo

Stay productive, focused, and consistent while working safely and cooperatively with the team.

8. Love Thy Neighbor

Practice patience, understanding, and mutual respect with those around you.

9. Practice Basic Etiquette and Manners

Professional conduct, courtesy, and common sense are expected at all times.

10. No Aggressive or Disruptive Behavior

Yelling, intimidation, unnecessary confrontation, or bizarre disruptive conduct has no place on the team or job site.

11. Keep the Atmosphere Fun and Human

Humor, personality, creativity, music, and positive expression are welcome as long as they remain respectful and professional.

12. Stay Comfortable and Prepared

Bring appropriate personal items that help you stay comfortable and productive throughout the day while maintaining a professional appearance.

13. Stay Positive

Bring good energy, teamwork, and encouragement to the group. Keep the environment welcoming and uplifting.

14. Prioritize Safety

If a situation becomes unsafe or requires emergency assistance, contact the proper authorities immediately.

15. Take Care of Yourself

Eat when needed and stay hydrated. Personal wellness supports strong performance.

16. Breaks Are Allowed

Take breaks as necessary, but please keep them moderate and coordinated with workflow during hourly assignments.

17. Substance-Free Worksites

Smoking, alcohol, and drug use are not permitted on GreenLots job sites.

18. Volunteers Are Appreciated

Volunteer support is always welcome and appreciated. Thank you for contributing your time and effort to improving the community.

19. Extra Help and Supplies Are Welcome

Team members who wish to bring additional tools, supplies, snacks, or helpful resources are encouraged to do so.

20. Meeting, Parking, and Green Initiative

Meet at the designated location, park responsibly, and help support the GreenLots mission by encouraging environmentally friendly practices, including vegan-friendly shared snacks when possible.

Closing Principle

Work hard, stay respectful, support one another, and leave every place better than we found it.

Thank you! :)

Community Block Stewardship Initiative

Greenlots Initiative Mission

To reduce street suffering, litter, unsafe encampments, and neighborhood deterioration through coordinated business participation, compassionate outreach, sanitation stewardship, and community resource access.

The initiative seeks to:

- Help vulnerable individuals connect with services
- Reduce debris and unsafe environmental conditions
- Support local businesses and residents
- Encourage voluntary community accountability
- Maintain safe, clean, welcoming public spaces

The One-Block Partnership Plan

Each participating block or district would establish a coordinated support and sanitation network.

Participating Businesses Can Opt In To:

1. Water Access Support

Businesses voluntarily provide assigned canteens and water or refill access to individuals in need.

Benefits:

- Reduces dehydration emergencies
- Encourages peaceful interaction
- Creates a point of contact for resource referral
- Reduces loitering around private entrances searching for aid

2. Resource Packet Distribution

Businesses receive a small “protocol packet” containing:

- Shelter information
- Food assistance locations

- Crisis hotline numbers
- Mental health and addiction services
- Employment resources
- Hygiene and sanitation expectations
- Local volunteer outreach contacts

The packet should be concise, respectful, and practical.

3. Sanitation Stewardship

Community volunteers or block coordinators help:

- Monitor litter accumulation
- Organize cleanup efforts
- Report hazardous waste
- Assist with public trash management
- Encourage respectful use of shared spaces

This should focus on environmental maintenance rather than confrontation.

4. Trash Mitigation Infrastructure

Where chronic litter appears:

- Install trash receptacles
- Increase pickup frequency
- Provide sanitation signage

Signs should remain professional and non-hostile.

Examples:

- “Help Keep Our Community Clean”
- “Please Use Trash Receptacles”
- “Resources Available Inside”
- “Respect Shared Public Spaces”

Volunteer Steward Program

Volunteers may:

- Walk designated areas

- Offer resource information
- Document sanitation concerns
- Coordinate cleanup projects
- Report emergencies
- Help de-escalate tensions through calm presence

Important:

Volunteers should never impersonate law enforcement or physically confront individuals.

Training topics could include:

- De-escalation
- Trauma-informed communication
- Mental health awareness
- Safety procedures
- Documentation standards
- Boundary-setting

Community Standards

The initiative can communicate two simultaneous principles:

1. Compassion

“We are here to help.”

and

2. Accountability

“We will not normalize littering, unsafe debris, violence, harassment, or destructive encampment conditions.”

This balance is likely to gain public support.

Suggested Program Components

Block Coordinator

A designated person responsible for:

- Business communication
- Volunteer organization
- Incident reporting
- Supply coordination

Outreach Kits

Simple kits may include:

- Water
- Hygiene supplies
- Socks
- Resource cards
- Trash bags

Rapid Cleanup Teams

Small volunteer crews responding to:

- Debris accumulation
- Illegal dumping
- Biohazard concerns
- Encampment aftermath

Data & Documentation

Track:

- Number of businesses participating
- Outreach interactions
- Trash reduction metrics
- Cleanup volume
- Resource referrals
- Safety incidents

This helps demonstrate measurable community impact.

Tone & Messaging Guidance

The strongest public messaging avoids framing homeless individuals as enemies while still addressing legitimate public safety and sanitation concerns.

Effective framing:

- “Community stabilization”
- “Public sanitation”
- “Neighborhood stewardship”
- “Safe shared spaces”
- “Compassion with boundaries”

Avoid language that could sound punitive or dehumanizing.

Example Outreach Pitch to Businesses

Hello,

We are organizing a local Community Block Stewardship Initiative focused on reducing litter, improving public safety, supporting vulnerable individuals, and maintaining cleaner shared spaces within our neighborhood.

Participating businesses may voluntarily assist by:

- Offering water access
- Displaying community sanitation signage
- Providing resource packets
- Supporting coordinated cleanup and outreach efforts

The goal is to reduce debris, discourage unsafe encampment conditions, connect individuals with services, and create a healthier environment for businesses, residents, and those in need.

This Greenlots initiative is based on compassion, accountability, and shared community responsibility.

We would welcome the opportunity to speak with you further about participating.

Thank you.

Long-Term Vision

Over time, the initiative could expand into:

- Transitional work programs

- Community cleanup employment
- Mobile outreach teams
- Safe overnight shelter coordination
- Peer accountability networks
- Neighborhood mediation programs
- Faith/community partnerships

This turns the effort from reactive cleanup into a safer stabilization system.

North Star Alliance & Santa's Village of Safety & Community Joy

A vision centered on peace, autonomy, dignity, safety, boundaries and strong communities for all people. No violence, no intimidation, no coercion, no civil unrest, and no harm carried out in the name of activism or ideology.

We believe communities should be built through kindness, lawful cooperation, cultural respect, charity, family stability, and mutual care, not through division, fear, hatred, or forced demographic hostility.

Every person deserves the opportunity to live safely, preserve their heritage and traditions, and participate in society without being targeted, dehumanized, or subjected to intimidation or political extremism.

Our goal is community joy, public safety, restoration, volunteerism, and peaceful coexistence grounded in compassion, accountability, and respect for humanity.

~ **Union of Saints**

~ **North Star Alliance**

~ **Santa's Village of Safety & Community Joy**

Federal and State Proposal

Front and Rear License Plate Requirements for Public Safety and Accountability

Purpose

This proposal recommends that all motor vehicles operating within the United States display clearly visible license plates on both the **front and rear** of the vehicle in order to strengthen public safety, improve accountability, and assist in the prevention and investigation of crimes involving vehicles.

The proposal seeks cooperation between federal and state governments to create a more uniform system that supports law enforcement, emergency response, roadway safety, environmental responsibility, and civil accountability.

Rationale

Vehicles are frequently involved in crimes and civil violations including:

- Hit-and-run incidents
- Assaults involving vehicles
- Reckless driving and road rage
- Vehicle theft
- Illegal dumping and littering
- Evading tolls or cameras
- Organized criminal activity
- Human trafficking and smuggling operations
- Drug transportation and narcotics trafficking
- Property damage and vandalism
- Parking and traffic violations
- Fleeing the scene of accidents
- Harassment or stalking involving vehicles

When only one license plate is visible, identification may become significantly more difficult depending on:

- Direction of travel
- Camera angle
- Weather conditions
- Obstructions
- Damaged or missing rear plates

- Surveillance limitations

Requiring both front and rear plates increases the probability that witnesses, cameras, businesses, and law enforcement agencies can accurately identify a vehicle involved in unlawful or dangerous activity.

Public Safety Benefits

1. Improved Hit-and-Run Investigations

Front and rear plates allow:

- Better identification from intersection cameras
 - Easier reporting by witnesses
 - Faster suspect location
 - Greater accountability for fleeing drivers
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2. Crime Deterrence

Visible identification on both ends of a vehicle may discourage:

- Assaults involving vehicles
- Drive-by vandalism
- Illegal dumping
- Street racing
- Vehicle-enabled crimes

Criminal actors often rely upon limited visibility or obstructed identification to avoid detection.

3. Assistance for Law Enforcement

Dual-plate systems help:

- Police investigations
 - Amber Alert systems
 - Missing persons investigations
 - Stolen vehicle recovery
 - Highway patrol enforcement
 - Border and interstate monitoring
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4. Environmental and Community Protection

Illegal dumping and roadway littering place financial burdens on taxpayers and communities.

Dual-plate visibility may assist in:

- Identifying littering vehicles
 - Reporting illegal dumping
 - Protecting parks, neighborhoods, and highways
 - Reducing environmental cleanup costs
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Proposed Federal-State Framework

Federal Recommendations

The federal government may:

- Establish minimum visibility standards
 - Encourage interstate consistency
 - Provide grants for implementation
 - Support public safety camera integration
 - Assist states with transition funding
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State Responsibilities

Each state may:

- Issue front and rear plates
 - Define placement requirements
 - Establish penalties for removal or obstruction
 - Create exemptions for historic or specialty vehicles where appropriate
 - Coordinate with local law enforcement agencies
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Suggested Enforcement Standards

Vehicles should:

- Maintain clearly visible plates
- Avoid plate obstruction devices or coverings
- Keep plates illuminated and readable at night
- Replace damaged or illegible plates promptly

Violations may include:

- Missing front or rear plates
 - Intentionally obscured identification
 - Fraudulent or counterfeit plates
 - Tampering with registration identifiers
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Civil Responsibility and Community Safety

Operating a vehicle on public roads carries a shared civic responsibility to:

- Protect fellow citizens
- Reduce harm
- Support lawful accountability
- Preserve safe transportation systems

Uniform front-and-rear identification standards may help strengthen trust, improve investigations, and support safer communities nationwide.

Conclusion

This proposal encourages federal and state leaders to work collaboratively toward stronger vehicle identification standards that improve public safety while balancing practicality, fairness, and constitutional protections.

By improving vehicle accountability systems, communities may better address:

- Hit-and-run incidents
- Violent crime involving vehicles
- Illegal dumping and littering
- Organized criminal activity
- Public roadway safety concerns

Respectfully Submitted,

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for the

Union of Saints

Greenlots Initiative Action Plan, Volunteer Readiness & Shopping List

Thornydale & Cortaro Community Safety & Cleanup Project

Public Community Statement & Action Plan

The Greenlots Initiative is an offering in response to growing public concern regarding illegal dumping, unmanaged trash accumulation, unsafe encampments, sanitation hazards, and environmental decline near the Thornydale and Cortaro area. Our purpose is to encourage organized community stewardship, practical solutions, public safety, environmental responsibility, and constructive community engagement focused on preserving the health and well-being of the surrounding neighborhoods and public spaces.

Our goal is simple:

Keep our neighborhoods clean, safe, respectful, and healthy for everyone.

We believe communities function best when residents, businesses, volunteers, and local leadership work together with practical solutions, accountability, compassion, and action.

We have already submitted reports regarding multiple encampment and dumping locations and are currently awaiting further response and consideration from the town. We also want to acknowledge and thank the individual who recently helped remove debris from one of the affected areas. Acts of stewardship are so important, and they show that members of the community care sincerely about the condition and safety of the neighborhood.

We also extend appreciation to local law enforcement for their professionalism, visibility, and continued support in monitoring community concerns.

The Issue:

Illegal dumping and unmanaged encampments can quickly create:

- Public sanitation hazards
- Fire risks
- Wildlife attraction
- Rodent and insect activity
- Unsafe walking and business conditions
- Environmental degradation
- Long-term economic decline

Trash accumulation is a serious public health and environmental concern. Rotting food waste, human waste, broken glass, sharp objects, hazardous debris, and unmanaged dumping can create significant safety risks for nearby residents, businesses, volunteers, wildlife, and vulnerable individuals living within or near the affected areas. These conditions may contribute to pest activity, unsanitary environments, and long-term neighborhood deterioration if left unaddressed.

Ignoring these conditions is not a sustainable solution. Responsible intervention, organized cleanup efforts, community coordination, and consistent public maintenance are necessary to preserve the safety, health, and stability of shared public spaces.

A Compassionate but Practical Approach

Homelessness is a complex issue involving economic hardship, mental health challenges, addiction, disability, trauma, and gaps in long-term support systems.

At the same time, unmanaged encampments in public areas can create serious impacts on surrounding communities and on the individuals living within those conditions themselves.

We believe communities deserve:

- Safe public spaces
- Sanitary conditions
- Responsible leadership
- Practical intervention
- Organized cleanup efforts
- Long-term solutions with structure and accountability

We also believe vulnerable individuals deserve wellness and safety, access to resources, and environments that do not further deteriorate their well-being.

Greenlots Initiative — Community Action Protocol

Phase 1 — Await Municipal Response

We have already contacted the appropriate departments and submitted reports concerning the affected areas. We are allowing additional time for review and response before further community action is organized.

At this time, we have not yet received a formal response regarding the submitted concerns. We remain hopeful that this issue will be addressed promptly and responsibly, as public sanitation, environmental safety, and neighborhood well-being are very serious community

priorities. In the meantime, we will continue documenting conditions, coordinating responsibly, and encouraging constructive community awareness and participation.

Phase 2 — Community Awareness

If necessary, we will continue:

- Informing nearby residents and businesses
- Sharing safety information
- Coordinating volunteers
- Building local support networks
- Expanding public awareness

Phase 3 — Volunteer Organization

If cleanup operations move forward, efforts will focus on:

- Volunteer coordination
- Safety-first procedures
- Proper protective equipment
- Environmental responsibility
- Documentation and accountability

No one should attempt hazardous cleanup efforts alone.

Volunteer Safety Standards

Potential cleanup areas may contain:

- Sharp objects
- Biohazards
- Animal waste
- Heat exposure
- Unsanitary conditions

For this reason:

- Proper equipment is mandatory
- Volunteers should have “wing buddies”
- Hazardous materials will be reported appropriately
- Safety protocols will be enforced

Long-Term Vision

We support stronger systems that combine:

- Public sanitation infrastructure
- Managed waste services
- Outreach coordination
- Structured shelter options
- Mental-health support
- Accountability for repeated destructive behavior
- Consistent maintenance and monitoring

Communities cannot thrive if public spaces are allowed to deteriorate indefinitely.

Strong neighborhoods require:

- Participation
- Stewardship
- Leadership
- Transparency
- Action

Community Participation

Residents, business owners, and volunteers interested in:

- Assisting cleanup efforts
- Donating supplies
- Participating in outreach
- Supporting safety initiatives
- Helping organize future efforts

may participate through upcoming Greenlots Initiative coordination channels and community outreach efforts.

Future materials may include:

- Safety guidelines
- Volunteer sign-ups
- Cleanup schedules
- Donation coordination
- Public updates
- Educational resources

Closing Statement

This initiative is important because the health, safety, and future of our communities matter. Positive change begins when ordinary people choose to participate, remain engaged, and work together toward practical solutions.

We believe that through cooperation, accountability, stewardship, and persistence, meaningful progress is possible. Clean and safe public spaces benefit everyone, residents, businesses, families, volunteers, and vulnerable individuals alike.

As a community, we can achieve anything we set our minds and hearts to when we approach challenges with responsibility, compassion, importantly, *positive action*.

A clean and safe neighborhood benefits:

- Families
- Workers
- Businesses
- Children
- Elderly residents
- Volunteers
- Vulnerable individuals seeking stability

Positive change requires participation and persistence.

The Greenlots Initiative remains committed to constructive action, responsible stewardship, and community-centered solutions for Thornydale and Cortaro and the surrounding areas.

Greenlots Initiative

Volunteer Shopping List & Safety Advisory

Community cleanup efforts should always prioritize safety, preparation, hydration, sanitation, and teamwork. Volunteers should never attempt hazardous cleanup operations alone or without proper protective equipment.

Recommended Volunteer Equipment

1. Heavy-Duty Garden Gloves

Strong puncture-resistant work gloves should be worn underneath disposable gloves whenever possible to help reduce exposure to sharp objects, contaminants, and unsanitary materials.

2. Durable Protective Boots

Boots should have:

- Thick soles
- Strong ankle support
- Puncture-resistant construction when possible

Volunteers should avoid open footwear or thin athletic shoes due to potential hazards including glass, sharp metal, and needles.

3. Durable Jeans or Work Pants

Heavy-duty pants help protect against:

- Scratches
- Sharp debris
- Insect exposure
- Environmental hazards

4. Long-Sleeve Shirt

Strong long-sleeve materials are recommended to help minimize skin exposure while working in brush, debris, or unsanitary conditions.

5. Hat

Wide-brim or protective hats are strongly encouraged for heat and sun protection, especially in the Arizona climate.

6. Sunglasses or Protective Eyewear

Protective eyewear may help shield volunteers from:

- Dust
- Debris
- Sun exposure
- Branches or brush

7. Sunblock

Heat safety is very important. Volunteers should bring sunscreen and monitor for signs of heat exhaustion or dehydration.

8. Clean Change of Clothes

Volunteers are encouraged to bring:

- Clean shirts
- Extra pants or jeans
- Clean socks

Clothing used during cleanup operations should be washed immediately after use.

9. Water Bottle & Hydration Supplies

Hydration is also very important. Volunteers should bring:

- Refillable water bottles
- Electrolytes if possible
- Cooling towels or similar heat-management items

10. Trash Bags / Contractor Bags

Heavy-duty contractor bags are preferred due to:

- Weight resistance
- Tear resistance
- Better handling of rough debris

11. Truck or Utility Vehicle

Larger cleanup operations may require:

- Trucks
- Trailers

- Utility vehicles

for transportation of collected debris and cleanup materials.

Safety Advisory

Volunteers should:

- Have a “wing buddy”
- Avoid direct contact with needles or biohazards
- Report dangerous materials appropriately
- Maintain awareness of wildlife and environmental hazards
- Take breaks frequently in high heat
- Leave immediately if situations become unsafe

No volunteer should place themselves in danger during cleanup operations.

Disposal Coordination Efforts

The Greenlots Initiative will also attempt to coordinate with:

- Local dump facilities
- Waste management services
- Disposal centers
- Community partners

to explore whether collected litter and debris may be disposed of at reduced cost or through community assistance programs.

Reducing disposal costs would greatly assist volunteer-led cleanup efforts and allow more resources to be directed toward sanitation, safety equipment, and continued neighborhood restoration efforts.

Greenlots Initiative, Homeless Encampment Sweeps

US Top 40 U.S. Cities with Major Homelessness & Encampment Pressure (2026)

□ Tier 1 — Reactive / Emergency Sweeps (Lowest structure, highest disruption)

What it is:

- One-time or short-notice removals
- Triggered by complaints, fires, crime concerns, sanitation issues, or political pressure
- Often no guaranteed shelter placement

Key features:

- 24–72 hour notices (or sometimes less)
- Police + sanitation crews lead removal
- Belongings often stored or discarded
- People typically relocate nearby

Where you see it:

- Many mid-sized cities
- Some neighborhoods in larger cities during “cleanups”

Core reality:

Displacement happens faster than housing placement

□ Tier 2 — Routine Encampment Management (“Rotate and Relocate” Model)

What it is:

- Ongoing cycles of clearing and reappearing encampments
- Cities manage encampments like “mobile zones” rather than eliminating them

Key features:

- Scheduled sweeps (weekly/monthly rotations)
- Outreach teams sometimes present, but not always before enforcement
- Encampments often return within days or weeks nearby
- Focus is “public space access” rather than permanent resolution

Common cities:

- Seattle
- Portland
- Denver
- Chicago (in transit areas)

Core reality:

Encampments move more than they disappear

□ **Tier 3 — Coordinated “Encampment Resolution” Systems (Hybrid enforcement + services)**

What it is:

- Structured programs combining outreach + enforcement + temporary shelter offers
- More formal policies and interagency coordination

Key features:

- Advance notice + engagement teams
- Offers of shelter/motel beds (when available)
- Site-by-site closures (“resolution” instead of “sweep”)
- Legal frameworks defining “high sensitivity zones” (parks, schools, waterways)

Common cities:

- San Francisco
- Oakland
- San Jose
- Phoenix
- Houston (more housing-forward variant)

Core reality:

More planning exists, but outcomes still depend heavily on shelter availability

□ Tier 4 — State-Coordinated / High-Intensity Corridor Sweeps (Most centralized + aggressive)

What it is:

- Large-scale operations led or heavily directed by state governments
- Focus on highways, bridges, waterways, rail corridors, and public land

Key features:

- Multi-agency coordination (state + city + transit + police)
- Rapid clearance of large encampments
- Often tied to infrastructure or safety enforcement
- Frequent relocation of large populations at once

Where you see it:

- California freeway corridor sweeps (Caltrans-led operations)
- Large LA encampment operations
- Phoenix “Zone” clearance cycles
- Bay Area highway/RV corridor enforcement

Core reality:

Highest scale displacement events in the country

□ A simple way to understand all 4 tiers

Tier	Style	Main Goal	Outcome Pattern
1	Emergency cleanups	Immediate removal	Displacement
2	Rotational management	Maintain visibility control	“Move it along” cycle
3	Coordinated resolution	Combine services + enforcement	Partial stabilization
4	State corridor sweeps	Large-scale clearance	Mass relocation events

⚠ Important underlying pattern

Across all tiers, research consistently shows:

- Sweeps **reduce visibility locally**
- But often **do not reduce homelessness overall**
- They frequently result in **relocation rather than resolution**

So the “tier” is mostly about:

how structured the displacement is, not whether homelessness is solved

□ **Tier 1 — Highest national concentration (largest + most visible encampments)**

1. New York City, NY

Eric Adams — Gov: Kathy Hochul — election 2026

2. Los Angeles, CA

Karen Bass — Gov: Gavin Newsom — election 2026

3. Seattle, WA

Bruce Harrell — Gov: Bob Ferguson — election 2028

4. San Francisco, CA

Daniel Lurie — Gov: Gavin Newsom — election 2026

5. Portland, OR

Keith Wilson — Gov: Tina Kotek — election 2026

6. Chicago, IL

Brandon Johnson — Gov: J.B. Pritzker — election 2026

7. San Diego, CA

Todd Gloria — Gov: Gavin Newsom — election 2026

8. Denver, CO

Mike Johnston — Gov: Jared Polis — election 2026

9. Phoenix, AZ

Kate Gallego — Gov: Katie Hobbs — election 2026

10. Oakland, CA

Barbara Lee — Gov: Gavin Newsom — election 2026

□ Tier 2 — Large metro homelessness + growing encampment zones

11. San Jose, CA

Matt Mahan — Gov: Gavin Newsom — election 2026

12. Sacramento, CA

Kevin McCarty — Gov: Gavin Newsom — election 2026

13. Las Vegas, NV

Shelley Berkley — Gov: Joe Lombardo — election 2026

14. Washington, D.C.

Muriel Bowser — Federal system — mayor election 2026

15. Miami, FL

Francis Suarez — Gov: Ron DeSantis — election 2026

16. Boston, MA

Michelle Wu — Gov: Maura Healey — election 2026

17. Philadelphia, PA

Cherelle Parker — Gov: Josh Shapiro — election 2026

18. Houston, TX

John Whitmire — Gov: Greg Abbott — election 2026

19. San Antonio, TX

Ron Nirenberg — Gov: Greg Abbott — election 2026

20. Minneapolis, MN

Jacob Frey — Gov: Tim Walz — election 2026

□ Tier 3 — High regional homelessness / visible corridors or RV encampments

21. Tucson, AZ

Regina Romero — Gov: Katie Hobbs — election 2026

22. Atlanta, GA

Andre Dickens — Gov: Brian Kemp — election 2026

23. Baltimore, MD

Brandon Scott — Gov: Wes Moore — election 2026

24. Detroit, MI

Mike Duggan — Gov: Gretchen Whitmer — election 2026

25. St. Louis, MO

Tishaura Jones — Gov: Mike Kehoe — election 2028

26. Kansas City, MO

Quinton Lucas — Gov: Mike Kehoe — election 2028

27. Dallas, TX

Eric Johnson — Gov: Greg Abbott — election 2026

28. Austin, TX

Kirk Watson — Gov: Greg Abbott — election 2026

29. Fort Worth, TX

Mattie Parker — Gov: Greg Abbott — election 2026

30. Orlando, FL

Buddy Dyer — Gov: Ron DeSantis — election 2026

□ Tier 4 — Mid-large cities with growing or shifting encampment patterns

31. Salt Lake City, UT

Erin Mendenhall — Gov: Spencer Cox — election 2028

32. Albuquerque, NM

Tim Keller — Gov: Michelle Lujan Grisham — election 2026

33. Fresno, CA

Jerry Dyer — Gov: Gavin Newsom — election 2026

34. Long Beach, CA

Rex Richardson — Gov: Gavin Newsom — election 2026

35. Bakersfield, CA

Karen Goh — Gov: Gavin Newsom — election 2026

36. Stockton, CA

Cristina Garcia (interim leadership varies) — Gov: Gavin Newsom — election 2026

37. Cleveland, OH

Justin Bibb — Gov: Mike DeWine — election 2026

38. Columbus, OH

Andrew Ginther — Gov: Mike DeWine — election 2026

39. Cincinnati, OH

Aftab Pureval — Gov: Mike DeWine — election 2026

40. Richmond, VA

Levar Stoney (recent transition cycles) — Gov: Glenn Youngkin — election 2025/2026 cycle

□ Across all 40 cities, patterns are very consistent:

□ West Coast dominance of visible encampments

- CA + OR + WA = most visible tent/RV clusters

□ Sunbelt growth pressure

- Phoenix, Tucson, Vegas, Dallas, Austin rising fast due to housing costs

□ Cold-weather shelter systems (less tents, more institutional homelessness)

- NYC, Chicago, Boston, Minneapolis

□ “Corridor homelessness” cities

- Baltimore, St. Louis, Atlanta, Philadelphia

Greenlots Initiative, Grocery Cart Recovery

Cowdrey

A few practical ideas for a grocery cart recovery and return-tagging system that could help cities, neighborhoods, stores, and trash-removal crews recover abandoned carts more efficiently:

Smart Cart Identification Tags

Each cart could include:

- A large visible ID number
- Store name and contact information
- QR code for reporting abandoned carts
- Color-coded tags by store chain
- Reflective material for nighttime visibility

Example:

- Red = Target
- Blue = Walmart
- Green = Safeway
- Yellow = Dollar stores

This would allow sanitation crews or volunteers to immediately identify where the cart belongs.

“Return Me” Reward Tags

Tags could include:

“Report or return this cart and help keep the neighborhood clean.”

Potential incentives:

- Small store credit
- Community points system
- Donation to local shelters or nonprofits
- Tax credit programs for cleanup groups

A QR code could direct people to a simple reporting portal.

GPS / Low-Cost Tracking Tags

For higher-loss areas:

- Solar-powered Bluetooth tags
- AirTag-style location systems
- Geofencing alerts when carts leave store boundaries

Stores could receive notifications when carts are abandoned in washes, alleys, encampments, or roadside areas.

Municipal Partnership Program

Cities could partner with:

- Waste-management companies
- Homeless outreach teams
- Grocery chains
- Community cleanup organizations

A shared database could track:

- Frequent dump zones
- Recovery costs
- Repeat theft patterns
- Cart damage trends

This could reduce blight and illegal dumping costs.

Cart Recovery Stations

Neighborhoods could have designated:

- “Cart Drop Zones”
- Temporary holding corrals
- Tagged pickup points

Trash-removal teams could scan the tags and notify stores automatically.

Durable Anti-Tamper Tags

Tags should be:

- Weatherproof
- Graffiti-resistant

- Hard to remove
- Large enough to read from a distance

Possible materials:

- Powder-coated aluminum
- RFID embedded plates
- UV-resistant polymer tags
- Phone scan QR “tags”

Community Reporting App

A simple mobile app could allow users to:

- Upload photo/location
- Auto-identify store
- Request pickup
- Track cleanup progress

This could integrate with:

- Public works departments
- Store loss-prevention teams
- Volunteer cleanup groups

Educational Messaging

Tags could also include:

- “Abandoned carts impact neighborhoods.”
- “Help keep streets safe and clean.”
- Hotline numbers for pickup

This recovery is moral community stewardship.

Potential partners for this kind of system could include companies like Waste Management, Republic Services, and grocery chains such as Walmart, Target, or Kroger.

Greenlots Initiative, Town & City, Dumpster, Gloves & Mask Investment

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Greenlots Initiative: Town & City Dumpster, Bin, Gloves, Porter Potty Rentals & Mask Investment

The premise behind the Greenlots Initiative is simple, bring immediate sanitation infrastructure directly to encampment sites in order to restore public health, environmental safety, and community stability. This includes deploying dumpsters for litter removal, portable toilets for sanitation access, gloves and masks for cleanup staff, and structured timelines for cleanup and relocation efforts.

The goal is to mitigate the growing waste crisis impacting neighborhoods, businesses, waterways, parks, sidewalks, and public spaces. Communities across the country are witnessing increasing decay through illegal dumping, hazardous waste accumulation, fires, biohazards, drug debris, abandoned carts, and unsanitary living conditions. These conditions affect not only those living within encampments, but also surrounding residents, workers, families, and local economies.

The initiative proposes that towns and cities:

- Deliver industrial dumpsters directly to encampment sites.
- Provide sanitation stations and portable toilets for temporary use.
- Equip cleanup crews with gloves, masks, sharps containers, and protective equipment.
- Establish scheduled cleanup windows with clear communication.
- Coordinate outreach, relocation services, and enforcement simultaneously.
- Remove waste immediately after designated cleanup periods.
- Restore affected public land and infrastructure afterward.

This approach emphasizes that there is no excuse for allowing large-scale environmental degradation to continue unchecked. Public spaces cannot sustainably function while overwhelmed by unmanaged trash, human

waste, fire hazards, and hazardous materials. The longer these conditions persist, the more communities experience declining health standards, economic strain, reduced tourism, damaged local businesses, and psychological exhaustion from constant disorder.

The Greenlots Initiative expresses that sanitation is not a punishment, but as a baseline community responsibility. Immediate waste mitigation protects:

- Public health
- Local ecosystems
- Businesses and tourism
- Residential safety
- Emergency services
- Community morale and wellbeing

By combining cleanup infrastructure with structured timelines and coordinated relocation efforts, municipalities can reduce environmental damage while restoring safer and healthier community conditions for everyone involved.

Our organizations Union of Saints and Greenlots advocate for approaches that balance humanitarian outreach with firm public sanitation boundaries and community restoration.

Greenlots Initiative Bunker Project

The Greenlots Initiative Bunker Project is intended to provide a maintained, sanitation focused outdoor shelter environment that helps reduce unmanaged encampments, environmental degradation, and unsafe public conditions while offering basic shelter and hygiene infrastructure for vulnerable individuals.

The concept includes small weather resistant shelter sheds placed within designated, regularly pressure washed and monitored areas. These structures would provide shade, sleeping protection, and a more stable outdoor environment while helping reduce the spread of trash accumulation and unsafe sanitation conditions throughout surrounding public spaces.

Potential shelter elements may include:

Small outdoor shelter sheds

Ventilated sleeping structures

Covered shade areas

Lockable storage containers

Portable restrooms

Handwashing stations

Water spigots or refill stations

Trash and recycling containers

Scheduled waste removal

Routine maintenance and inspections

Posted community rules and sanitation expectations

Areas should be maintained like any park.

General Rules

No trash

No drugs

No alcohol

No debris

No littering

No shopping carts

Respect shared public spaces

Maintain sanitary conditions

Dispose of waste properly

Follow all posted community guidelines and safety procedures



NOTICE TO VACATE PREMISES & COMMUNITY SANITATION ORDER

Greenlots Initiative – Community Restoration & Public Health Action

This notice serves as formal warning and notification that this encampment site is scheduled for sanitation remediation, waste removal, and clearance pursuant to applicable local, state, and public health laws.

The overnight camping, storage of personal property, accumulation of debris, hazardous waste, fires, and/or unauthorized occupation of this area can no longer be supported by the surrounding community due to significant impacts on:

- Public health and sanitation
- Environmental safety
- Fire prevention
- Public access and infrastructure
- Community wellbeing
- Local businesses and residential areas

ORDER TO VACATE

All individuals occupying this location are hereby directed to vacate the premises by the designated removal date and time listed below:

Vacate Deadline: _____

Scheduled Cleanup Date: _____

Location: _____

After the designated deadline:

- Remaining abandoned property, trash, debris, hazardous materials, and unauthorized structures may be removed and disposed of.
- Cleanup crews and municipal staff may enter the site for sanitation and restoration purposes.
- Law enforcement and code enforcement personnel may assist with site closure pursuant to applicable laws and ordinances.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This action is not intended to punish individuals experiencing hardship. However, the community cannot continue supporting overnight encampments that create unsafe and unsanitary conditions affecting the general public.

Residents are encouraged to voluntarily relocate and utilize available assistance programs before enforcement actions occur.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE & ACTION PLAN

Available Assistance May Include:

- Temporary emergency shelter
- Transitional housing referrals
- Food and hygiene programs
- Mental health services
- Substance abuse recovery programs
- Employment assistance
- Veteran assistance programs
- Medical outreach services
- Transportation assistance
- Identification and benefits assistance

Recommended Immediate Steps

1. Gather all essential personal belongings.
2. Dispose of trash and hazardous materials in designated dumpsters.
3. Coordinate with outreach workers regarding shelter placement.
4. Seek assistance for long-term housing and recovery services.
5. Vacate the area prior to the enforcement deadline.

COMMUNITY RESTORATION INITIATIVE

The purpose of this effort is to:

- Restore public sanitation
- Reduce hazardous waste accumulation
- Prevent fires and environmental contamination
- Improve safety for all residents
- Protect waterways, parks, sidewalks, and public infrastructure
- Support lawful pathways toward stability and housing

The community recognizes the difficulties many individuals are facing. However, unmanaged encampments and overnight occupation of public areas are causing severe deterioration to shared spaces and can no longer continue indefinitely.

For Assistance Contact:

Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Shelter Hotline: _____

Outreach Coordinator: _____

Issued By: _____

Date: _____

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SIGN-UP & OUTREACH COORDINATION

Assistance Registration Station

A community assistance sign-up sheet and attached writing pen will be made available at the site during outreach and cleanup operations.

Individuals who are requesting assistance are encouraged to voluntarily provide:

- Full name or preferred name
- Current campsite or general location
- Phone number or contact method (if available)
- Emergency contact (optional)
- Immediate needs (shelter, food, medical, transportation, recovery services, etc.)
- Preferred shelter or relocation area (if applicable)

This information may assist outreach teams, shelters, nonprofits, faith organizations, and community services in coordinating temporary assistance and follow-up support.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PARTNERS

Local participating stores and community businesses may assist individuals with communication needs related to:

- Making phone calls to shelters or service providers
- Contacting outreach workers
- Accessing emergency assistance programs
- Obtaining transportation information
- Coordinating temporary placement

Participating businesses may voluntarily provide:

- Access to a phone for outreach calls
- Printed resource lists
- Referral information
- Direction to nearby assistance centers

Participating Community Locations

(Store Name / Address / Contact)

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
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OUTREACH & CLEANUP PROCESS

To support an orderly transition:

- Dumpsters and sanitation stations may be temporarily placed at the site.
- Individuals will be given reasonable notice and time to remove belongings.
- Outreach teams may return during designated periods to assist with relocation efforts.
- Remaining abandoned debris and hazardous materials may be removed after the posted deadline.

Community members, businesses, outreach organizations, and municipal staff are encouraged to work cooperatively to restore public spaces while assisting individuals seeking lawful and stable alternatives to overnight camping.

Issued By: _____

Date: _____

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SIGN-UP SHEET

Greenlots Initiative Outreach & Relocation Assistance

This voluntary sign-up sheet is intended to help outreach teams, shelters, nonprofits, faith organizations, and municipal services coordinate assistance for individuals seeking temporary shelter, relocation support, or additional services.

Please print clearly.

Date	Name / Preferred Name	Current Camp Area or Location	Phone / Contact Information	Assistance Requested	Shelter Interest	Transportation Needed	Notes
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Common Assistance Categories

- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing
- Food Assistance
- Hygiene Services
- Medical Care
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Recovery Programs
- Veteran Services
- Employment Assistance
- Transportation Assistance
- Identification / Documentation Help

Participating Community Communication Locations

(Stores or community partners assisting with outreach calls)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Outreach Coordinator: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cleanup / Vacate Deadline: _____

Tucson Homeless Food & Meal Assistance Information Packet

“Step By Step, We Can Make It If We Try”

1. For your town or city, use ChatGPT and type:
“Please create an information packet for all programs that will help homeless daily with food and shelter needs, including telephone and email contact information, in [your city].”
 2. For your town or city, use ChatGPT and type:
“Which officials do we contact to initiate a program like Greenlots Litter Removal, Recycling, and Homeless Encampment Sanitation?”
 3. Use our proposal, which may be tailored for your city or town. Loving regards! We can do this together with just a little more effort and help from our mayors and officials.
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Emergency Daily Food Assistance in Tucson, Arizona

If you are homeless, struggling financially, or in immediate need of food, these Tucson organizations and churches may help with free meals, food boxes, hygiene supplies, outreach, showers, and shelter referrals.

Daily Meal Programs

Casa Maria Soup Kitchen

Address: 352 E. 25th St., Tucson, AZ 85713

Phone: (520) 624-0312

- Daily sack lunches and meals
 - Open every day from 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
 - One of Tucson’s longest-running homeless meal programs
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Caridad Community Kitchen

Address: 845 N Main Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705

Phone: (520) 882-5641

- Free community meals throughout the week
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Meals at Salvation Army Hospitality House
 - Tuesday: Grab-and-go meals
 - Thursday: Meals at Tucson Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church
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The Salvation Army Hospitality House

Address: 1002 N Main Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705

Phone: (520) 792-1111

- Community meals
 - Soup Patrol outreach
 - Food pantry and emergency assistance
 - Weekday evening food outreach during colder months
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Food Pantries & Grocery Assistance

Interfaith Community Services

Address: 2820 W Ina Rd., Tucson, AZ 85741

Phone: (520) 297-6049

- Food boxes
 - Emergency assistance
 - Mobile food programs
 - Help with utilities and referrals
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Interfaith Community Services – Eastside

Address: 8701 E Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ 85710

Phone: (520) 297-6049

- East Tucson food bank support
 - Weekday pantry hours
 - Emergency food assistance
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Grace Saint Paul's Church – Joseph's Pantry

Address: 2331 E Adams St., Tucson, AZ 85719

Phone: (520) 327-6857

- Church food pantry
 - Grocery distribution for residents in need
 - Open multiple mornings weekly
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Christian Faith Center

Address: 4108 E North St., Tucson, AZ 85712

Phone: (520) 722-2217

- Thursday food boxes
 - Free onsite meals
 - Walk-ins welcome
-

Additional Homeless Support Services

Poverello House of Tucson

- Day shelter
- Meals
- Showers
- Laundry access
- Safe daytime rest area

Website: tucsonpoverello.com

Gospel Rescue Mission

Address: 4550 S Palo Verde Rd., Tucson, AZ 85714

Phone: (520) 740-1501

- Shelter
- Nutritious meals
- Clothing and hygiene assistance

- Recovery and stabilization programs
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St. Francis Community Services

Address: 3550 N 1st Ave., Suite 260, Tucson, AZ 85719

Phone: (520) 461-4943

- Food pantry
 - Cooling center
 - Hydration support during extreme heat
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The Loving Church

Address: 166 E Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705

Phone: (520) 788-2229

- Meals several days weekly
 - Showers
 - Clothing assistance
 - Transportation outreach for homeless individuals
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Hope of Glory Ministries

- Park outreach meals
- Clothing and hygiene supplies
- Food-to-go distribution

Website: tucsonhope.org

Helpful Tucson Resource Directory

TucsonHomeless.org

Offers:

- “Find Me Food”
- “Find Me Shelter”
- Emergency services

- Outreach programs
 - Updated Tucson homeless resources
-

Community Fridge Resource

Tucson FREEdge

Address: 2831 E Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716

Phone: (520) 500-2047

- Free community refrigerators
 - Open 24/7
 - Ready-to-eat food and groceries when stocked
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Important Notes

- Many programs serve people without requiring identification.
 - Some food pantries may limit visits to weekly or monthly pickup.
 - Water and cooling resources are extremely important during Tucson summers.
 - Calling ahead is recommended when possible because schedules can change.
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Emergency Numbers

- **Arizona Community Assistance:** Dial 211
- **Emergency Services:** Dial 911
- **Pima County Crisis Line:** 988

Community discussions also mention additional churches and neighborhood outreach programs throughout Tucson that regularly distribute food and supplies.

Contacts

Primary Contacts & Phone Numbers for Tucson Homeless Food and Outreach Programs

Casa Maria Soup Kitchen

Phone: (520) 624-0312

Contact: Brian Flagg

Email: casamariatucson@yahoo.com

- Daily meals and sack lunches
-

Caridad Community Kitchen

Phone: (520) 882-5641

Address: 845 N Main Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705

- Free grab-and-go meals weekdays
-

Salvation Army Hospitality House

Phone: (520) 622-5411

Address: 1002 N Main Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705

- Shelter, meals, and outreach services
-

Interfaith Community Services

Main Phone: (520) 297-6049

Homeless Coordinated Entry Line: (520) 477-0989

Email: info@icstucson.org

- Housing assessments
 - Food boxes
 - Referrals
-

Grace Saint Paul's Church – Joseph's Pantry

Phone: (520) 327-6857

- Food pantry distribution multiple mornings weekly
-

Christian Faith Center

Phone: (520) 722-2217

- Thursday meals and food boxes
-

Poverello House of Tucson

Website: tucsonpoverello.com

- Day shelter
 - Showers
 - Meals
 - Rest assistance
-

Gospel Rescue Mission

Phone: (520) 740-1501

Email: info@grmtucson.com

- Shelter intake
 - Meals
 - Recovery services
-

St. Francis Community Services

Phone: (520) 461-4943

- Pantry
 - Hydration support
 - Cooling center
-

The Loving Church

Phone: (520) 788-2229

- Meals
 - Showers
 - Clothing assistance
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Additional Citywide Help Lines

- **Tucson Homeless Help Hotline:** (520) 791-2540
24/7 resource connection line
 - **Arizona 211:** Dial 211
Shelters, food, and emergency services
 - **Crisis & Mental Health Line:** 988
 - **Tucson Crisis Response:** (520) 622-6000
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Additional Resource Directory

TucsonHomeless.org

Updated meal schedules, shelters, outreach services, and emergency resources for Tucson residents in need.

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CONTRACT AGREEMENT

GREENLOTS INFORMATION

- Phone: (904) 846-2300
- Email: greenlotsvalley@gmail.com
- Website: greenlots.base44.app
- Mission: Cleaner Streets • Safer Neighborhoods • Stronger Together



Travel friendly: first 25 miles included.
Local sponsor opportunities are available on our website.



DATE: _____



TIME: _____



MORNING



EVENING (LIGHT SUN HOURS)

CUSTOMER / SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address / Location: _____

Best Contact Method: Phone Email

POTENTIAL DATE CHANGES (IF NEEDED)

1 Alternate Date: _____
Time: _____
 Morning Evening

2 Alternate Date: _____
Time: _____
 Morning Evening

3 Alternate Date: _____
Time: _____
 Morning Evening

PROJECT QUOTE / HOURLY RATE

Project Quote: \$ _____

OR

Hourly Rate: \$ _____ / hour

Estimated Hours: _____

Total Estimate: \$ _____

CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

Thank you so much for supporting the Greenlots Initiative. We truly appreciate the opportunity to serve our communities through environmental care, cleanup efforts, beautification, and restoration projects.

By signing below, both parties agree to the scheduled services, estimated pricing, and project expectations discussed for this appointment. Dates and times may occasionally be adjusted due to weather, safety concerns, scheduling needs, site conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances, and Greenlots Initiative will always make every reasonable effort to communicate any changes in advance.

Payment structures may vary depending on project scope. Small projects require payment in advance, medium sized projects may require a 25%-50% deposit, and larger projects may operate under staged payment agreements. Any additional labor, disposal, travel, or project related costs beyond the original estimate will be discussed whenever possible prior to approval.

For the safety and well being of everyone involved, Greenlots Initiative reserves the right to decline unsafe, hazardous, illegal, or inaccessible projects. Clients are kindly asked to secure valuables, permits, pets, and personal property prior to service.

We sincerely thank you for supporting our initiative, our crew, and our mission to help create cleaner, safer, and more beautiful spaces for our communities.

SIGNATURES

Customer / Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Greenlots Representative: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

CLEANER STREETS • SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS • STRONGER TOGETHER

Together, we make a difference. Thank you!