



The City of



Environmental Services Department

FACT SHEET

Waste Reduction Code Compliance

The code compliance section of the Environmental Services Department works with community members to identify areas of concern and provides services to improve the quality of life throughout the City.

Areas of Responsibility

- Enforce waste related code violations, including illegal dumping, trash/litter on City and private properties and improper disposal of recyclable materials.
- Respond to requests for waste related code violations and service requests for illegal dumps and litter in the public right-of-way.
- Work with community groups and volunteers to organize community cleanup/recycling events each year.
 - At these events, crews pick up bulky items not accepted at regular curbside collection.
 - Appliances
 - Furniture
 - Scrap metal
 - Mattresses
 - Wood/landscape trimmings

Abatement Program

The City's abatement program is in place to address concerns regarding the impacts of homeless individuals. Procedures have been created to ensure the proper handling of personal belongings left in the public right-of way.

- Requests for enforcement are received via public complaints or proactive inspections.
- Among the most common complaints are unattended shopping carts, personal belongings and waste on the public right-of-way.
- Abatement requests are handled in the following manner:
 1. Code Enforcement Officers post signs in advance of the planned clean-up notifying individuals to vacate to another location and remove their belongings;
 2. The San Diego Police Department works in coordination with Code Compliance to provide outreach and to address any safety issues that arise while environmental crews perform their work;
 3. If the signage does not reach everyone, individuals are asked to vacate the area with their belongings when crews arrive;
 4. If individuals are found to be in violation of the law due to outstanding warrants, refusal to comply, or other reasons, individuals are arrested and their belongings are stored for safe keeping.

Need Assistance

Contact the Environmental Services Code Enforcement Unit for service requests at 858-694-7000.