

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Are there rules about how long trash cans or waste containers can be left on the street?

A: Yes. Solid waste containers may be placed no earlier than 4 pm the previous day of established collection, and shall be moved back to their storage space no later than 8 pm the day the containers have been emptied. Waste containers must be stored where they are not visible from the public street.

Q: There is an E.J. Harrison dumpster that has been on the street for 3 months, is that ok?

A: No. Dumpsters are not allowed on the street for more than 30 days. If a dumpster is in the right-of-way for more than 30 days, call Neighborhood Preservation. The city has a franchise agreement with E.J. Harrison. Contact them for your disposal needs at 805/647-1414, or www.ejharrison.com

Q: There is a person going through my recycling and trashcan, is that allowed?

A: No. Once items have been placed in a curbside, commercial trash or recycling container, scavenging, removing or tampering in any way with the material is illegal according to Ventura Municipal Code and should be reported. Call the Ventura Police Department's 24 hour non-emergency number 805/650-8010 to report scavenging. Scavenging can lead to identity theft, neighborhood litter and stormwater pollution issues.

Help Keep Ventura Clean & Beautiful!



Neighborhood Preservation serves our community with compassion to promote safe and clean neighborhoods, preserve property values, support economic vitality through education and compliance. Ventura is where we live, work, and play!

The City of Ventura Neighborhood Preservation Section is available to assist you in understanding the various codes and obtaining compliance. Contact us at 805/658.4711.

There are many ways to get involved to enhance the quality of life in our community. Participate in your Community Council – attend public meetings to connect with neighbors, volunteer, raise issues, and make a difference in your neighborhood!

Find Your Neighborhood Community Council

www.cityofventura.net/involved/communitycouncils

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INFORMATION & RULES ABOUT

LITTER

IN THE CITY OF VENTURA

- Dumping on roadways or private and public property
- Hazardous material
- Loose cargo or debris
- Waste Containers



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Q: Why does the City of Ventura have rules about litter?

A: A: The City's Municipal, Zoning, and Building codes ensure the safety and cleanliness of our community. Neighborhood Preservation assists our community with the regulations as set forth by the Ventura City Council.



Please, only rain down the stormdrain.

Littering is defined by Ventura's Municipal Code as:

The willful or negligent throwing, dropping, placing, depositing, blowing, washing or sweeping, or causing any such acts, of any waste matter on land or water in other than appropriate storage containers or areas designated for such purposes.



Cigarette butts can take up to 12 years or more to break down in the environment.

Q: What are some specific examples of littering?

- Allowing waste & debris to fly out of your truck or vehicle
- Dumping waste material on public or private roads, or property
- Improperly disposing of building construction and/or demolition litter



Dumping is illegal.

Q: I live at the end of a cul-de-sac, and someone keeps illegally dumping at the end of our street. What can I do?

A: You can call the city's debris removal hotline for illegal dumping (mattresses and other items) in public right-of-way at 805/677.3999.

Q: What should I do with hazardous waste items like old household cleaners, batteries, paint and used motor oil?

A: The City of Ventura holds free and easy drop-off Household Hazardous Waste Disposal events for residents only, on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month (except December) at 5275 Colt Street. Appointment times are available between 9-11:45 am and 1-1:45 pm. Call for an appointment at 805/652.4525 between 8 am-5 pm Monday-Thursday.

DID YOU KNOW?

On California Coastal Cleanup Day 2012, community members and volunteers removed more than 1,200 pounds of trash and almost 300 pounds of recyclables from our beautiful Ventura beaches. Most of the debris on our beaches and shorelines comes from trash traveling through stormdrains.

Q: What is the process for litter removal required by the city?

A: If the accumulation of litter on private property is declared to be a public nuisance, the owner will be asked to clean it up voluntarily. If the owner or person in control of any private property ignores the city's request to remove the litter, the city shall issue a notice. The notice will state that if the litter condition is not corrected within ten (10) days, the property will be cleaned by the city and the owner will be billed for the cleanup cost.

Q: What if I don't comply with the city's litter regulations and requirements?

A: Our main objective is to obtain voluntary compliance with all of Ventura's municipal codes. If for some reason you don't comply, you may be subject to a range of fines for each offense and potentially other civil penalties. See our website for further details: www.cityofventura.net/np or call our office at 805/658.4711.



Help keep our beaches from looking like this!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- **City of Ventura Municipal Code:** www.cityofventura.net/cm/municipal-code
- **City of Ventura Environmental Sustainability** www.cityofventura.net/environmental