

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. My neighbor doesn't have trash service and stores his bagged garbage on the side of the house for weeks. Is this legal?

A. Although the City of Ventura does not require residents to obtain trash service, all solid waste shall be removed from the premises and disposed of at least once each week. All trash containers must be water tight and constructed of a material of suitable durability and tightly sealed.

Q: Can I park a vehicle on my lawn?

A: No. All parking areas must be completely surfaced with asphalt or Portland cement concrete surfacing with adequate drainage.

Q: It's my property, why can't I store my stuff in my front yard?

A: A property containing an accumulation of storage material, refuse, rubbish, garbage, etc. is considered a public nuisance, affects public health and safety and is offensive to others.

Q: How can I report an abandoned vehicle?

A: If the vehicle is located on a city street, you can report it by calling the Abandoned Vehicle Hotline 805/339.4432, or by filling out an Abandoned Vehicle Online Report Form at www.cityofventura.net/pd/services/abandonedvehicle. If the vehicle is on private property, call 805/658.4711 or visit our website at www.cityofventura.net/ce for a complaint form.

**Well kept & safe neighborhoods
preserve property values!**



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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www.cityofventura.net/volunteer

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INFORMATION & RULES ABOUT

PUBLIC NUISANCES

IN THE CITY OF VENTURA

- Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles, boats, campers, etc.
- Accumulation of debris or trash in yards
- Overgrown vegetation



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

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



Debris stored within sight of public right-of-way is not permitted.

Q: What is considered a public nuisance?

A: A public nuisance is anything which:

- Is an obstruction to public property.
- Is injurious to health.
- Is indecent or offensive to the senses.
- Unlawfully obstructs the free passage or use of any public park, square, street or highway.



Overgrowth of weeds is not permitted.



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SPECIFIC PUBLIC NUISANCES MAY INCLUDE:

- A property containing refuse, rubbish, garbage, etc. visible from the public right-of-way or adjoining properties.
- A property or building that is in a defective condition, unsightly or in disrepair.
- Accumulation or storage of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles, trailers, campers, boats, etc.
- Air pollution
- Allowing a building's disrepair to constitute a potential fire hazard
- Dumping in ocean/water pollution
- Electrical interference
- Overgrowth of vegetation or the accumulation of debris.

Scavenging recyclables and/or garbage out of E.J. Harrison containers is illegal. Resulting scattered trash becomes a public nuisance and can become a stormwater issue.

DID YOU KNOW?

Property values in your neighborhood can significantly increase when property is well maintained.

Q: Are there exceptions to the abandoned vehicles code?

A: Yes. Exceptions include:

- Vehicles that are completely enclosed within a building in a lawful manner and are not visible from the street or other public or private property.
- Vehicles that are parked or stored by a licensed dismantler, licensed vehicle dealer, or junk dealer, etc.



Inoperative vehicles in the public right-of-way are a public nuisance.

Q: What if I don't comply with public nuisance 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- **City of Ventura Municipal Code:** www.cityofventura.net/cm/municipal-code
- **California Dept. of Food & Agriculture:** www.cdffa.ca.gov/phpps/ipc/encycloweedia/winfo_weedlaws.htm 916/654.0317
- **California Law:** www.leginfo.ca.gov
- **Penal Code 370-Public Nuisance.** Health & Safety Code 2855-2868 Abatement of Public Nuisances.
- **Health & Safety Code 149000-1902** Seasonal & Recurrent Nuisances.
- **Health & Safety Code 17980-17992** Existing Nuisances in any building or property.
- **Vehicle Code 22661** Abandoned Vehicles; Public Nuisance.