

## Trespassing

### California Penal Code § 602 (k)

Trespassing is defined as "Entering any lands, whether unenclosed or enclosed by fence, for the purpose of injuring any property or property rights or with the intention of interfering with, obstructing, or injuring any lawful business or occupation carried on by the owner of the land, the owner's agent, or by the person in lawful possession."

### What is Considered Trespassing

- Entering someone else's property with the intent to damage that property
- Entering someone's property with the intent to interfere with or obstruct the business activities that are conducted there,
- Entering and occupying another person's property without permission, and
- Refusing to leave the property after being asked to do so.

## Active Encampments

### Identify Active Encampments

Before contacting code enforcement, answer the following questions:

- Is there an immediate threat? (CALL 9-1-1)
- Is the homeless person/persons currently on the property with their items?
- Are they considered "trespassing" per the penal code requirements listed above?

If you can answer yes to any of the above, you likely have an Active Encampment on your property. Due to the nature and urgency of these type of nuisances, they are handled by the Riverside Police Department.

## Who We Are

### Mission Statement

The Mission of the Code Enforcement Division is to serve the citizens of Riverside by ensuring compliance with all adopted City codes through providing effective public contact and education, building cooperative partnerships throughout our community, and enforcing the law in an equitable and impartial manner.

### Goal

Our goal is to promote a positive image of Code Enforcement to our community and our allied City Departments by fostering a culture that is helpful, approachable, knowledgeable and of the highest integrity.

### General Procedures

Anything left on private property is considered the property owner's responsibility. If the matter is brought to the attention of Code Enforcement, we will issue a Notice To Abate for trash/debris & outdoor storage. If the owner does not abate the property in a timely manner, the city may remove the nuisance and bill the property owner for the abatement cost.

Anything left on public or city property that is unattended or abandoned is tagged for removal with Notice of Pending Removal for 48 hours. Items of value are stored for safekeeping and retrieval by the owner.

Abandoned items, trash, and anything that is deemed a health hazard is discarded.



# Code Enforcement

Reducing Trespassing On Private Property



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## Your responsibility as a property owner

As a property owner in the City of Riverside, you are responsible for keeping your property in compliance with the Riverside Municipal Code. You may be asked to resolve a violation even if you did not cause it. We thank you for helping us to provide a safe and attractive community.

## Keeping your property in compliance with Riverside Municipal Code

6.15.020 (A-F)

It is unlawful for any person having charge or possession of any property in the City to have any of the following conditions present:

- 1 Garbage, rubbish, refuse or waste matter
- 2 Weeds on property, including any public side-walks, streets or alleys between said premises and the centerline of any public street or alley
- 3 Overgrown, dead, decayed, diseased or hazardous trees, and other vegetation
- 4 Overgrown vegetation which detracts from the aesthetic and values of neighboring properties
- 5 Any abandoned or discarded furniture or other household fixture
- 6 Any abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative motor vehicle upon the premises

9.18.020 (B)  
Graffiti is prohibited  
9.04.300  
Trespassing on private  
property is prohibited



## Proactively protecting your property

- Remove/cover any accessible outlets
- Have operable and efficient outdoor lighting to prevent loitering
- Install key lock water spouts
- Password protect your Wi-Fi
- Pick up trash and debris immediately
- Keep trash bin enclosures locked
- Reduce foliage that may be used as hiding spots for people or property
- Do not feed or give money to non-patrons
- Consider private security measures
- Complete and file a **“No Trespassing Authorization Form”** with RPD and post **“No Trespassing”** signs on property
- Have sufficient physical barriers to your property where appropriate, such as fencing

## When to contact Riverside Police

- Drug activity, prostitution or the presence of drugs or paraphernalia
- Loitering outside establishments that sell alcohol/ public consumption of alcohol
- Any violent or criminal behavior
- Trespassing per Penal Code § 602 (k)
- Impeding access to businesses
- Aggressive panhandling
- Active encampments

**Phone (951) 354-2007**

## When to contact Code Enforcement

- Abandoned shopping carts or other unclaimed property
- Trash, debris, and outdoor storage

**Phone (951) 826-5633**

## When to contact Riverside's Hotline

**Homeless Outreach** facilitates with other departments to provide assistance and resources for the homeless.

The **Graffiti Hotline** does not service private property in all cases, but you can give the general hotline a call and see if they are able to provide you with assistance.

**Bulk Pickup** is a service where-in a property owner schedules a pick up time and date for trash and outdoor storage too large to fit in waste bins.

**Phone (951) 826-5311**

**For life-threatening emergencies,  
please immediately call 9-1-1**