



**DEPARTMENT
OF CODE
COMPLIANCE**



City of Everett
Department of Code Compliance
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What is the City's responsibility?

It is the responsibility of the Department of Code Compliance to work in partnership with the people of Everett to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment. We help maintain or improve the quality of our community in the following ways:

1. We enforce laws and codes targeted to solve specific problems in Everett communities, including:
 - Rubbish and nuisances
 - Wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles on private property
 - Violation of land use conditions
 - Substandard or dangerous buildings
 - Noxious vegetation
 - Violation of handicapped accessibility regulations
2. We work with residents, neighborhood associations, public service agencies and other City of Everett departments to:
 - Facilitate voluntary compliance with City laws and codes
 - Empower neighborhoods to participate in keeping problem areas cleaned up
 - Develop ways to solve recurring problems and nuisances, involving representatives from all affected groups
 - Establish community priorities for cleanup projects

Did you know.....?

The following are violations if visible from a street, alley, or public or other private property:

- Junk, trash, litter, boxes, discarded lumber or salvage materials
- Cars that are wrecked, taken apart, or inoperable (unless stored or parked lawfully and fenced in connection with the business of a licensed dismantler or licensed vehicle dealer)
- Vehicle parts that are discarded or left in a state of partial construction or repair
- Broken or discarded furniture, household equipment or furnishings
- Dead, decayed, diseased or otherwise hazardous trees or vegetation
- Vegetation that is more than 42 inches high (not including vegetation located in flower beds)
- Grass that is more than 12 inches high
- Graffiti on a building, fence or other structure
- Articles of personal property that are discarded or left in a state of partial construction or repair
- Utility trailers or unmounted camper tops in the front yard (unless in the driveway)
- Campers or trailers parked on a public right-of-way

What tools does the City use?

If an ordinance or regulation is being violated, a code compliance officer will issue a **Violation Citation**. The Violation Citation may be issued to the property owner or to the tenants/occupants, or to both.

The Violation Citation will describe the regulation that is being violated and the **Corrective Action** that needs to be taken. If the Corrective Action is completed by the date given, there will be no fines or penalties.

If the Corrective Action is not completed, the person(s) to whom the Citation is directed must appear at a **Hearing** before the City's Violations Hearing Examiner. Costs, fines and other penalties may be assessed at this time.

In addition, the Violations Hearing Examiner may issue an **Abatement Order** requiring the work be completed by a specific date. If the work still isn't done, the City can then take action against the violator.

The City may also proceed by filing for **Civil Relief** in Superior Court.

Penalties will typically be increased for **Repeat Violators**.

If costs, penalties and costs of abatement are not paid, they can be collected in a variety of ways, including a **Lien** against the property.

How can I use the system?

If you are seeking relief from conditions on a property in your community, there are a number of options available to you:

- **Make contact with the responsible person.** Describe your perception of the problem. Discuss how the problem affects you and possible solutions.
- **Attend your Neighborhood Association meetings,** get involved with solving the problems. For information contact the Everett Office of Neighborhoods at 257-8717.
- **File a complaint with the City of Everett Department of Code Compliance, 257-8680.** A Code Compliance Officer will be assigned to investigate the allegations. Information can be kept confidential.

Important Phone Numbers (area code 425)

City of Everett General Information	257-8700
Code Compliance Department	257-8680
Office of Neighborhoods	257-8717
City Attorney	257-8700
CHIP(Community Housing Improvement Program)	257-8735
Police Department	257-8400
Police - Parking Violations	257-8411
Police - Crime Prevention	257-8416
Fire Department	257-8100
Animal Control	257-6000
Public Information	257-8687