Keep Your Property Clean and Reduce Illegal Dumping





Officer Introductions

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- Community Standards Peace Officer Darren Anderson and Ken Pollard

Clean Properties

- The City Of Edmonton expects all property owners to keep their private property clean, tidy and well-maintained.
- Includes:
- -Parking lots
- -Garbage storage areas



Clean Property = Safer Communities

- Promote wellness, health, and safety in communities.
- Shows care for the neighbourhood
- Prevents property value deterioration, reduces health risks and pests to the property.
- Helps attract good tenants and allows for better tenant retention.
- Having a well maintained property is part of being a good neighbor

Community Standards Bylaw

 A nuisance property means land, or any portion there of, that shows signs of a serious disregard for general maintenance and upkeep, whether or not it is detrimental to the surrounding area.

Nuisance Examples

- Damaged/Derelict/Dismantled vehicles
- Excessive accumulation of building materials, appliances, household goods, boxes, tires, vehicle parts, furniture

Nuisance Property

 The City can fine a property owner for allowing their property to become an untidy, unsightly nuisance condition – adversely impacting the neighborhood and surrounding community





Removal Options

- Keeping a property clean and clear of nuisance is part of the business of owning or managing a multi-tenant building.
- Have access to a trailer or truck to quickly remove any nuisance items that appear.
- Schedule enough waste bin pick-ups to avoid overflowing bins. Make sure any loose garbage or debris is quickly cleaned up.

Nuisance Removal

- Donation
- Eco Stations
- Big Bin Events
- Trucks or Trailers
- Schedule Waste Bin Pick-ups

Snow Removal

- □ Snow must be removed after the snowfall.
- □ We will clean the sidewalk, at expense of land owner



Construction Site Recommendations

- The city recommends temporary garbage bins while doing construction for a new development.
- Regular visits



Bylaw Enforcement Process

- 1. Warning
- 2. Municipal Government Act Order
- 3. Remedy/Clean up
- 4. Fine

Illegal Dumping

Deliberately dumping on property without permission.

Even though it has been illegally placed there, the property owner or occupant is still responsible for timely removal of dumped items under Edmonton's Community Standards Bylaw.

- Based on a Witness Statement, Community Standards
 Peace Officers can issue a ticket to a registered owner of
 a vehicle involved in a dumping/littering offence on a
 highway under section 179(1) of the Environmental
 Protection & Enhancement Act "Improper disposal of
 waste on highway" which carries a minimum penalty of
 \$115.
- Community Standard Peace Officers regularly attend problem areas and locations that have been identified as repeat offence locations, reducing violations via visibility and enforcement.

How Can You Reduce Illegal Dumping?

- 1. Keep Your Property Clean
- 2. Educate tenants and property staff
- 3. Place signs around the property
- 4. Surveillance cameras
- 5. Install lighting
- 6. Install barriers or fences
- 7. Take ownership



Tip Shoot

1. Stay safe and assess the situation. Remember you are an observer and your job is to be a good witness and avoid conferentation.

- 2. Record the following:
- time
- specific location (address or
- detailed description of individual(s)
- description of vehicle(s) (license plate, company name/logo description of items dumped illegally
- 3. Call 311 to file a report.
- 4. A Community Standards Peace Officer will contact you to obtain a witness statement form.

 Please note, testimony in court may be required.







How to Report Illegal Dumping

- 1. Stay safe. Assess the Situation.
- 2. Take notes
- **3. Contact 311**
- 4. Witness Statement Form



At the End of The Day

Despite efforts to control illegal dumping, there is no guarantee that it can be completely stopped. Property owners must remain diligent in removing nuisance items from their property.

Questions?

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