



### Residential Storage

Outside storage in residential areas must comply with the following conditions specified in the City of Tucson Land Use Code (Section 3.2.5.1).

- ▶ Items can only be stored in the rear and side yards.
- ▶ Storage is limited to 25% of the total lot area.
- ▶ Items must be screened from the street by an opaque barrier (no tarps may be used).

### Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is the disposal of junk, litter, debris or refuse in any unauthorized place such as public or private property, streets, alleys, easements or washes. Responsible parties will be prosecuted.

Please remember that residents may place items out for collection only during designated Brush & Bulky service dates. Collection dates and guidelines are available on our website at [www.tucsonaz.gov/esd](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/esd) or by calling customer service at 791-3171.



### Junked or Inoperable Vehicles

Motor vehicles subject to Arizona registration without an affixed unexpired license plate from any state, trailers, or camper shells that exhibit one or more of the following conditions are considered to be a junked or inoperable vehicle:

- ✓ Wrecked    ✓ Dismantled    ✓ Stripped
- ✓ Abandoned    ✓ Inoperable    ✓ Inoperative
- ✓ Scrapped    ✓ Cannot be safely operated

A junked or inoperable vehicle must be stored within:

- ▶ A garage or permanent building constructed of opaque materials without holes or gaps other than doors or windows.
- ▶ A carport with an opaque car cover designed for that purpose and that completely covers the vehicle (no tarps, bed sheets, etc.).
- ▶ Any barrier (such as a fence or wall) at least 5'0" high, constructed of opaque materials without holes or gaps that completely encloses the vehicle. The barrier must be free from disrepair and deterioration and may not be constructed or covered with materials not normally used for that purpose (such as pallets or tarps). The barrier must be properly anchored to ensure there is no danger of failure or collapse.

### Code Enforcement

Inspectors are responsible for enforcing Tucson Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 16 (Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance), TMC Chapter 15 (Refuse), and Environmental Services Rules, Procedures, and Regulations. Over 41,000 inspections are conducted each year.

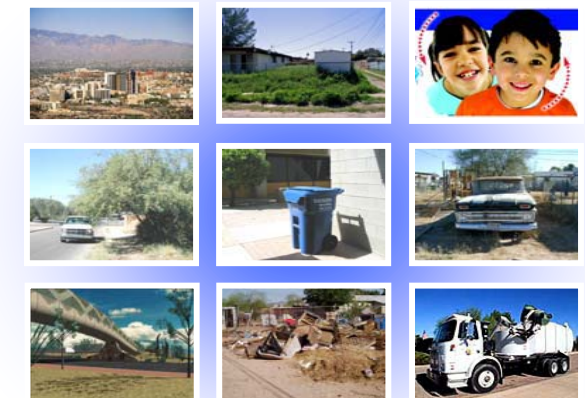
A violation of City codes and regulations described in this brochure will initiate the following actions by an Inspector:

- ▶ On-site inspection and a notice of violation to the property owner and/or tenant.
- ▶ Reinspection of the property to ensure compliance.
- ▶ Failure to correct a violation(s) may result in the City pursuing civil or criminal action. Any finding of responsibility or liability for violations noted shall incur fines of \$100-2,500 per violation. If the City is ordered to abate the violations, a lien will be assessed on the property.

For more information or to report a violation, please call 791-3171. To review a copy of the Tucson Municipal Code, please visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks) or call 791-4213.



# Code Enforcement Community Guide



What you need to know about  
**Garbage Collection,**  
**Property Maintenance,**  
**Neighborhood Preservation &**  
**Code Enforcement**

# 791-3171

[www.tucsonaz.gov/esd](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/esd)

# Environmental Services: Working for our Community

City of Tucson Environmental Services works in partnership with residents and neighborhood groups to keep our community safe and clean. This guide offers information to promote community health and safety to help us provide you with better service.

Please contact us if you have questions or comments at 791-3171 or visit our web site at [www.tucsonaz.gov/esd](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/esd) for further information.

## Residential Services

### Service Guidelines

The following guidelines for garbage and recycling collection are simple and will help us ensure that you receive prompt service. Please...

- ▶ Place your garbage and recycling containers within one (1) foot of the curb and at least two (2) to three (3) feet apart from obstacles such as other containers, mailboxes, trees, parked cars, or other obstructions.
- ▶ Remove your containers from the curb on non-service days. Leaving containers at the curb is a violation of City Code and is subject to fees.
- ▶ Don't put plastic bags, garbage or green waste in the recycling containers. Please refer to "Recycling Guidelines" found on our website.



- ▶ Don't overfill containers. Overfilled containers create litter and may not be serviceable.
- ▶ Please bag and tie garbage to eliminate litter, odors, and flies.











### Tucson Recycles!

Each person in Tucson throws about 1,400 lbs. of trash into Tucson's landfill each year! All together, that's enough to fill Arizona Stadium. But much of it is recyclable.

Tucson's recyclable materials are sent to factories around the world and made into brand new products like carpeting, insulation and paper.

By recycling more we not only conserve our natural resources, we are helping our landfill last longer. That's important because creating more landfill space is very costly to you, the taxpayer.

Here's what you can recycle in your blue barrel:

-  **Plastic bottles & jugs**    
with necks or screw-on lids (no tubs or pails)  
Check symbol on bottle bottom to ensure type.  
**Please, no other plastics!**
-  **Paperboard** (like cereal and shoe boxes. No metallic or wax coated paperboard)
-  **Newspapers** (including paper inserts)
-  **White & colored office-type paper** (no napkins, tissues, or paper plates)
-  **Opened mail** (remove non-paper items)
-  **Milk cartons & drink boxes**
-  **Fiberboard** (like paper egg cartons)
-  **Brown bags**

-  **Corrugated cardboard** (flattened)
-  **Magazines & catalogs** (less than 1/2" thick)
-  **Phonebooks**
-  **Steel & tin cans**
-  **Aerosol cans** (non-hazardous product cans)
-  **Aluminum cans** (no foil or foil plates/trays)
-  **Glass food & beverage containers**

If in doubt whether an item is a recyclable, please call 791-5000. Placing anything other than what is in the approved list of materials into your recycling container reduces the revenue that we get from the sale of recyclables which helps us keep service rates low.

If you receive more than two (2) notices within 12 months for non-compliance with guidelines, a fee will be assessed on your utility bill.

### Brush & Bulky

Environmental Services offers twice per year brush and bulky collection for City residents. Collection dates and guidelines are available on our website or by calling customer service at 791-3171. Residents will receive a doorhanger when the scheduled pickup date is near.

The City will collect your brush and bulky items for a nominal fee at any time. Items in excess of 10 cubic yards or items that were not picked up due to late or improper setout can also be collected for a nominal fee. Call 791-3171 to schedule an appointment for a free estimate.

## Neighborhood Preservation Responsibilities

### Overgrown Weeds & Grass

Overgrown weeds and grass can produce allergies and harbor rodents and other pests. Weeds and grass over 6" in height and dead or dried vegetation are also considered fire, safety, and health hazards. Please maintain your property, including abutting sidewalks, streets, easements and one half the width of abutting alleys, to be free from these hazards.

### Vegetation Encroachment

Vegetation, such as trees or bushes, that encroaches or overhangs within abutting rights-of-way or alleys constitutes a safety hazard and impedes safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians. Vegetation must be trimmed to keep these areas free of obstructions.

### Junk, Litter and Debris

Properties must be maintained to be free of accumulated junk, litter, debris, and refuse. It must be disposed of properly and may not be left in a yard, abutting sidewalks, streets, abutting alleys and easements, or illegally dumped on public or private property. This includes auto parts, appliances, furniture, building or landscaping materials, tires, paper, cardboard, plastics, tree trimmings and any other discarded items.

*Environmental Inspectors are available to meet with Neighborhood Associations and community groups to discuss topics outlined in this brochure.*