



City of Imperial Beach, California

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

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ILLEGAL DUMPING

When items are dumped on private property, the property owner is responsible for removing and disposing properly of the items. The suggestions I have for you (and you may already have some or all of these in place) are:

1. A locking dumpster enclosure so that only residents can access the dumpsters.
2. Signage posted around the area of the dumpster enclosure or other areas where dumping occurs (I have included a sample of a sign that was provided to us by the San Diego County Sheriff Department. You can have signs made with this information.)
3. Cameras installed around the area. If you find a suspect on the camera, you can have the Sheriff Department assist you in an investigation.
4. Monitoring the area as much as possible, removing any items immediately to discourage dumping. When people see something dumped, they tend to think it is acceptable to dump their items, also.
5. Encourage tenants to assist in the monitoring – if they see something, say something. They are the best resources for discouraging the dumping.

I hope this information is helpful. It can seem to be a losing battle to try to prevent illegal dumping on properties and is a problem all over town with all multi-family properties.

The City would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and community spirit in complying with the State Health and Safety Regulations and the Imperial Beach Municipal Code. Your efforts to maintain your property will enhance your neighborhood and the quality of life we have all come to enjoy. Your cooperation and involvement in this effort will be greatly appreciated by all who are proud to call Imperial Beach their home.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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