

#### **Open Storage**

#### What is Open Storage?

A violation exists when an owner or tenant unlawful utilize the premises of such property for the open storage of any ice box, refrigerator, stove, glass, televisions, recliners, sofas, dressers, building materials, building rubbish or similar items that are not intended for outdoor use.

# Why is it important to keep your property clean of open storage?

Open storage attracts crime and vandalism, eroding community safety and value. Open storage also harbor rodents and other vermin

that are unsafe and unpleasant in residential communities. In many cases one uncared for property slowly leads to a cluster of neglected properties.

# What happens if I have this issue on my property?

If you fail to correct the violations within the time determined by the property inspector, a signature warrant may be issued for each violation for noncompliance. The current fine per charge if convicted starts at \$154.00 (first offense) further, the City has the authority to have the violation(s) abated and assess all incurred costs against the property.

# What if the open storage is not removed?

If you fail to correct the open storage violation in an appropriate time frame the property will also be posted with a sign notifying you that you have 10 days to rectify the issue. The City has the authority to have the

property cleaned and assess all costs incurred against the property.

## Who is responsible for correcting the violation?

The property owner as shown by the current year's tax rolls in the county treasurer's office is responsible for correcting the violation and any fines associated with the violation if the code department is unable to verify the tenant's information.

## What areas must be mowed and maintained?

In addition to the main yard or lawn areas, you are responsible to mow any areas between your property and the paved area of all adjacent streets, including ditches, easements, alleys and unpaved right-of ways.

# How do I report a property with open storage?

Call 580-616-7213

Provide the address where the open storage is located. Inform us what is

in violation (front yard, back yard, alley/easement or the whole property).

# What can I do with my open storage?

Any open storage you may have on your property must be disposed of or stored properly. If you have items that cannot be place in a poly-cart it can take it to the landfill. If you have an active utility account you receive 12 free trips to the landfill a year. If you do not have the ability to take your items to the landfill Bulk pickup is an option as long as nothing is neatly placed at the curb.

# **CALL 580-616-7300 for bulk pickup**

Items must be placed at the curb and away from any object that would restrict the ability to be picked up. Also there will be a cost associated with the bulk pickups.

