

Clatsop County's Code Compliance program works to resolve citizens' concerns effectively and to develop solutions to individual situations by providing public awareness of code requirements pursuant to Clatsop County Land and Water Development and Use Code and Clatsop County Code.

Code Compliance Specialists nmendoza [at] clatsopcounty.gov (Nancy Mendoza) and [Rob Ledgerwood](#) can be reached at 503-325-8611. Please contact the Code Compliance Office via codecompliance [at] clatsopcounty.gov (e-mail) or by phone, or complete a [complaint form](#) and [submit it here](#). Please provide your contact information on the form.

## **SHORT-TERM RENTAL COMPLAINT HOTLINE**

Do you have a non-emergency complaint about a short-term rental in unincorporated Clatsop County? Call our 24/7 hotline at 503-325-1001 or use the [Short-Term Rental Complaint Hotline Form](#)

## **SOLID WASTE ABATEMENT PROGRAM (SWAP)**

If you are a victim of illegal dumping Clatsop County may be able to help by relieving some of the financial burden of removing the waste.

The Solid Waste Abatement Program (SWAP) provides financial assistance to property owners and occupants of property who are victims of illegal dumping. This assistance is a voucher that can be used at the Astoria transfer station to dispose up to 1 ton of garbage. Eligibility for this program includes filing a report with the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and filling out an application for the program with the Community Development Department.

- To report illegal dumping on your property please call 503-325-2061 to make a report with the CCSO and receive a case #.
- To obtain an application or get more information about the SWAP program, please contact nmendoza [at] clatsopcounty.gov (Nancy Mendoza) at 503-325-8611

BEFORE



AFTER



#### ANOTHER CODE COMPLIANCE SUCCESS!

This property on Highway 30 used to have trash accumulation and inoperable vehicles. Code Compliance staff were able to work with the property owner to clean up the site and bring the property into compliance. Code Compliance can make a difference in your neighborhood as well.

[Code Compliance Complaint Form](#)

[Code Compliance Complaint Submission](#)













## Let's Talk Trash Campaign

Clatsop County Code Compliance has launched “Let’s Talk Trash,” a six-month campaign to raise awareness of when trash buildup on property could result in a violation.

The Let’s Talk Trash campaign will help residents understand how to properly dispose of waste and what to do if trash is illegally dumped where you live.

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[Notice of Warning \(NOW\)](#)

When a homeowner or occupant receives a NOW, they will be informed:

- **When** the trash– also called solid waste– must be removed
- **What** is considered solid waste on your property, and
- **Actions** the County may take if the solid waste is not removed

“We encourage people to reach out to us before a violation is issued. We are here to help and we can work with them on cleaning up the property,” she said.

[Solid Waste Abatement Program \(SWAP\)](#)

When we talk about household garbage, construction debris, abandoned appliances or tires, we often will use the term, “solid waste.”

Having solid waste dumped on your property **without your permission** is a crime called illegal dumping.

The Solid Waste Abatement Program (SWAP) assists property owners and occupants of properties who are victims of illegal dumping. This program provides financial assistance in the form of a voucher that can be used at the Astoria transfer station to dispose up to one ton of solid waste.

If you are a victim of illegal dumping or have questions about the program, please email [nmendoza@clatsopcounty.gov](mailto:nmendoza@clatsopcounty.gov) (email) Nancy Mendoza or call her at 503-325-8611.

### Household Hazardous Waste in Your Home

Some everyday items we have in our homes are considered household hazardous waste. That means they could be dangerous to human health and the environment. They could catch fire, explode and negatively react with other substances if not properly disposed of.

When we say household hazardous waste, we mean cleaners, paints, batteries, and fertilizers that contain potentially hazardous ingredients that require special care when you dispose of them.

### How to Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste

- **DO** bring your HHW to our **free** monthly HHW event.
- **Do NOT** dispose of HHW down the drain, on the ground, into storm drains, or in the trash. Doing so would pollute our environment and pose a threat to human health.

### How to Handle Household Hazardous Waste

- Avoid accidents at home by carefully following product label instructions on how to use and store them.
- Read product labels for disposal directions. That will reduce the risk of products exploding, igniting, leaking, or mixing with other chemicals.
- **Never** store hazardous products in food containers. Keep HHW them in their original containers and never remove labels.

### Find Out Which Household Hazardous Waste Items Are in Your Home

#### *Cleaning Products*

- Bleach
- Pool chemicals
- Tub, tile and shower cleaners
- Drain cleaners
- Oven cleaners
- Toilet cleaners
- Wood and metal cleaners

### ***Pesticides***

- Bug sprays and baits
- Flea repellents and shampoos
- Houseplant insecticides
- Mouse/rat poisons and baits
- Moth repellents

### ***Automotive Products***

- Antifreeze
- Carburetor and fuel injection cleaners
- Fuel additives
- Gasoline
- Transmission and brake fluids
- Motor oil

### ***Shop/Painting Supplies***

- Adhesives and glues
- Solvents
- Strippers
- Oil-based paints
- Strippers and thinners
- Stains and finishes
- Preservatives

### ***Other items***

- Batteries
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Mercury thermometers
- Propane
- Compressed gas cylinders

Visit our [Household Hazardous Waste webpage](#) to find out more.

#### **When There are Non-Working Vehicles on Property**

If there are two or more non-working vehicles being stored on a property in Unincorporated Clatsop County, the property owner may be in violation of Clatsop County Land and Water Use Development Code (LAWDUC).

That is because an auto wrecking yard is defined as any property where two or more motor vehicles are not in running condition, or the parts are stored in the open and the vehicles are not being restored to operation. It also applies to any land, building or structure used for the wrecking or storing of such motor vehicles or parts.



An auto wrecking yard is a land use that requires a development permit from the Clatsop County Community Development Department. Auto wrecking yards are only allowed in specific zones in Clatsop County. These include: General Commercial, Light Industrial and Rural Community Light Industrial zones.

“Vehicles that are not in running condition are inoperable. They may have broken or missing windows, windshields, wheels or tires, lack an engine or transmission or have an inoperable engine or transmission,” said Gail Henrikson, Community Development Director.

**If your property fits the definition of an auto wrecking yard, there are several ways you can avoid receiving a violation:**

- 1. Actively begin restoring your vehicle. Save your receipts, document your progress. The key is to show you are doing it not just saying you’re doing it.
- 2. Have the vehicle towed to an auto wrecking yard. Depending on circumstances, it may not cost you any money to have it towed.

“We encourage people to reach out to us if they have questions. We are happy to work with residents to resolve any potential code violations,” she said.

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## Supporting Documents

Code Compliance Complaint Form - Printable/Fillable 100.21 KB
Complaint Form Instructions 51.27 KB
SWAP Application 147.85 KB

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