

City of San Bernardino
Code Compliance Division

why invest in our neighborhoods?

- Neighborhoods that appear cared for have less crime.
- Neighborhoods that are stable, with a low transiency rate have less crime.
- Neighborhoods must be self-sufficient and self-sustaining.
- Neighborhoods in which citizens are involved have less crime, fewer problems.
- Crime is not isolated from other social issues, including employment, parental involvement, basic living skills.
- Public and private property which is well-cared for results in increased citizen expectation for higher quality-of-life standards.
- Responsibility for care and maintenance of neighborhoods is a partnership between residents, property owners and government.

Overgrown lawn: Tall grass and unsightly weeds give yards an unkempt look. This disturbs meticulous neighbors. If the lawn becomes too overgrown, the homeowner could face a fine of \$75 or more in some communities.

Junk cars: If an automobile is falling apart and undrivable, it must be removed from the property. Otherwise, the homeowner could face a fine.

House numbers: Many cities require numbers on houses so police, paramedics and firefighters can locate homes easily during emergencies.

Additions: Tacking an addition onto a house or converting a garage into a bedroom, recreation room or den requires a permit.

YARD SALE

Trash piles: Yards should be free of piles. Inspectors can slap a fine on violators.

Yard sales: Residents of some cities must obtain a permit before holding a yard sale. Penalties usually are issued before violators are fined. Call your local code enforcement division for the rules in your city.

ARE YOU LIVING UP TO GOOD?

