

City of Portland Addressing Homelessness and Urban Camping on Private Property

The City will send crews to clean trash on City property only. The City does not have the lawful authority to address camping on property that is not owned or maintained by the City. If the issue is of camping on private property other than your own, please send us the address and we can send it to the Bureau of Development Services/Code Enforcement (www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/34180).

If there is trash or human waste on your property from any person, the City does not have the authority to clean it up. The City can provide you with information for special crews you can hire who handle this type of clean up. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact City/County Information and Referral at 503-823-4000. This can be a frustrating process to navigate, and we are happy to provide support.

If there are people, structures, or camper's personal property on your property the Homelessness and Urban Camping Impact Reduction Program recommends the following:

1. Report the campsite. There are two ways to report a campsite: an [online form](#) on the City of Portland's webpage (www.portlandoregon.gov/campsites) or online at PDXreporter.org. You can also call information and referral at 503-823-4000. This is for data collection purposes only.
2. Call Police non-emergency at 503-823-3333. When speaking to non-emergency dispatch, it is most helpful to address the specific behaviors and not to address the individual's socio-economic status. (Often, the operator may hear the word "homeless/transient/vagrant" and kick them back to OPC – when it needs to be funneled through police for private property). Report that you have a person trespassing on your property, you need police assistance, and you would like to press charges.
3. Post a notice on your property informing individuals that any property that is there after 24 hours will be disposed of. Take a photo of your notice.
4. If necessary, contact a crew or biohazard vendor to clean your property. If the issue is of camping on private property other than your own, please report the campsite we can send it to the Bureau of Development Services/Code Enforcement. Information on reporting code violations can be found on the Bureau of Development Services webpage (www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/34180).

Vendors:

Rapid Response BioClean
www.rapidresponsebioclean.com
503-421-5148

Pacific Patrol Services/Positive Action Cleaning
www.facebook.com/PacificPatrolServices
503-595-3440