Protecting Health and Safety: Campsite Cleanup Changes
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As Multnomah County begins to reopen, the City of Portland will adjust campsite cleanup procedures to protect health and safety – including yours. Sites that pose the highest risk to camp residents and fellow community members will be prioritized for posting, property removal and cleanup by the Homelessness and Urban Camping Impact Reduction Program.

Which campsites will be prioritized for cleanup?

- 8 or more occupied structures
- Block public sidewalks, paths, transit stations, restrooms or building entrances
- Prevent 6 feet of physical distancing
- Significant garbage or debris
- Evidence of conspicuous drug use: uncapped, used hypodermic needles or other paraphernalia
- Credible reports of criminal behavior, verified by Portland Police or Multnomah County Sheriff

If your campsite meets some of these criteria, a warning may be posted. You will be given at least 24 hours to improve the situation before your site is posted for cleanup.

How can you avoid warning and cleanup?

- Limit campsites to fewer than 8 structures.
- Keep tents 12 feet apart from people not in your household.
- Make sure people can reasonably maintain 6 feet of distance from you and your property.
- Leave 10 feet of space from any doorway, transit stop, public restroom or other high-activity area.
- Keep your camp area free of soiled items, biohazards and garbage that could transmit disease.

Protect yourself and your neighbors from COVID-19

- Don’t share cigarettes, phones, utensils and other commonly shared items.
- As much as possible, wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. For information about accessing a hygiene station, call 503-823-4000.
- Use hand sanitizer when possible, rubbing it through fingers – do not wipe it off.
- Refrain from touching your nose, mouth or eyes.