

HOW DOES CODE ENFORCEMENT HELP OUR COMMUNITY?

- Safer living conditions
- Protects the environment, including people, forests, water quality, and farm animals.
- Helps keep land free of garbage and junk.
- Helps keep property values up by dealing with eyesores and unsafe conditions.

MORE RESOURCES

Go to <https://kingcounty.gov/dept/local-services> and see [Code Enforcement](#) at the bottom of the page for:

- Property research tools
- Links to info on filing complaints for regulations enforced by other agencies, such as:
 - [Abandoned and junk vehicle reporting](#)
 - [Animal control complaints](#)
 - [Electrical](#) (in building and construction)
 - [King County Sheriff non-emergency reporting](#)
 - [Plumbing, septic and wells](#)

Notice: Complaint information is a public record subject to disclosure under the Washington Public Records Act (RCW42.56) and may be requested by any person (they are given the option to remain confidential when filing an online report)

WHAT IS CODE ENFORCEMENT?

Code Enforcement is part of the Permitting Division in King County's Department of Local Services. We make sure people follow building, land use, and environmental rules in areas of King County that aren't part of any city. We look into complaints about:

- Zoning problems
- Housing issues
- Building concerns
- Shoreline and environmental area violations
- Public nuisances

WHAT WE DO

We mostly respond to complaints from residents. We do not go around looking for violations on our own. Our approach emphasizes voluntary compliance. We aim to give the resources and partnership to help property owners be able to fix potential code violations by themselves.

CONTACT US

King County Permitting
Code Enforcement
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98056
Message Line: 206-296-6680
WebComplaints.CodeEnforcement
@kingcounty.gov



This is an example of how we partnered with a property owner to fix a problem.

Code Enforcement in Unincorporated King County

[KINGCOUNTY.GOV/DEPT/LOCAL-SERVICES/PERMITS](https://kingcounty.gov/dept/local-services/permits)

HOW TO FILE A CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT

1. Make sure it is in unincorporated King County.

If it's in a city or town, contact that city's code enforcement.

2. Know what we can help with



We can look into things like:

- Building or land clearing/grading without permits
- Junk cars or junk and debris piling up
- Illegal businesses
- Substandard housing
- Zoning code violations and other hazards

We don't handle property line disputes, dangerous trees on other properties, or landlord-tenant issues.



3. Tell us about it

- We need your name and phone or email to follow up. If you want to remain anonymous, please state that in your complaint. Confidentiality will be maintained as much as allowed under the State of Washington public records law.
- Give specific, accurate, and complete information, including:
 - address or parcel number of the property with the problem,
 - property owner name,
 - tenant name if property is leased
 - clear description what you think is wrong.

Code violations are conditions on your property that may break county rules like zoning or building regulations.

4. Submit a complaint

- Online : kingcounty.gov/dept/local-services go to Code Enforcement at the bottom of the page.
- Email, phone or mail: see Contact Us in this flyer.

5. What happens after a complaint

- We look at complaints in the order that we get them, but deal with serious safety and environmental issues first.
- We usually contact the property owner within 30 days.

WORKING WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT

THE PROCESS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

