



PLUMAS COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT

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Junk, Garbage, Rubbish & Solid Waste

What is Solid Waste?

All putrescible and non-putrescible solid, semisolid, and liquid wastes, including garbage, trash, refuse, paper, rubbish, ashes, industrial wastes, demolition, and construction wastes, abandoned vehicles and parts thereof discarded home and industrial appliances, dewatered, treated, or chemically fixed sewage sludge which is not hazardous waste, manure, vegetable or animal solid and semisolid waste, and other discarded solid and semisolid waste.

(6-10.102(100) Sanitation & Health Plumas County Code)

Junk Yard

The storage of more than one vehicle that is unregistered or useless for vehicular purposes, or the storage of more than 200 used tires, or the use of more than 200 sq ft of any parcel or contiguous parcels under the same ownership for the storage or sale of manufactured material which had been abandoned from its original use.

(9-2.252 Planning & Zoning Plumas County Code)

Can I store my Junk on my Property?

No owner or occupant shall abandon, dump, bury or otherwise dispose of any solid waste or allow any other person to dispose of solid waste upon premises other than a county-designated ultimate disposal site or transfer station.

- (1) Building materials may be kept on premises during a period of active construction, reconstruction, or repair of a building or structure thereon under a valid building permit.
- (2) Wood may be kept neatly piled upon premises for household use.

Only properties zoned Heavy Industrial (I-1) or having a Special Use Permit issued by the Plumas County Planning Department allowing for the use of storing Junk Material or Solid Waste are permitted, subject to site development review.

(6-10.103(a) Sanitation & Health Plumas County Code)

Examples of Junk, Garbage, and rubbish

Automotive parts and equipment	Furniture
Building Materials	Appliances
Scape Metal	Household Trash
Strub & Tree Trimmings	Wood

Can I store junk, Garbage, and Rubbish behind my fence?

No, the owner or occupant of an occupied dwelling, house, or residence, shall remove, or have a solid waste collector remove, solid waste from the premises at least once each week.

It is a violation to have junk and rubbish on the property whether screened from view or not. In addition, the junk and rubbish within view of the public right-of-way or neighboring properties constitutes a threat to health and safety or a public nuisance.

(6-10.104 Sanitation and Health Plumas County Code)

Code Enforcement's Goal

It is the County's commitment to work with property owners toward voluntary compliance rather than imposing enforcement citations and fines. If working together we have not established an acceptable timeline for correcting the above violation, may result in the issuing of administrative citations or notice to abate, which includes the levying of a fine. Our preference is to resolve issues cooperatively without fines or forced abatement.

How Can You Help?

- Keep automobile repair limited to personal, minor repairs.
- Keep both developed and undeveloped properties free of trash, debris, and excessive foliage.
- Fence or board properties that might attract trespassers or vandals.
- Keep grounds and structures clean and tidy.
- Learn and adhere to local zoning and code regulations.
- Do not tolerate illicit activity.
- Cooperate in good faith should you receive a complaint.
- Report violations and nuisances

This is Your Community! Let's work together to keep it clean and safe!

Report your concerns: [Violation Complaint Form](#)
[County of Plumas Code Enforcement](#)