



City of
Birmingham

Code Enforcement

Resource Guide

City of Birmingham – March 2026



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Building Community Through
Servant Leadership

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Putting People First

VALUES

Customer

Service

Efficiency

Effectiveness

Transparency

Accountability



The City of Birmingham strives to maintain quality neighborhoods and a clean environment. To achieve this goal, we are committed to reducing blight by educating our residents, enforcing laws and ordinances, targeting violators, and encouraging ongoing compliance.

In some instances, residents may not be aware of the various code and zoning violations that could be occurring on their property or properties around them; and may also need resources on how to address these violations.

The most common code violations include:

- High weeds, trash, junk and debris in yards
- Vehicles parked in a front yard and inoperable vehicles
- Failure to maintain structures
- Business use of residential/dwelling property

Here's how you can help:

- Remove any violations occurring on your property to prevent enforcement actions.
- Keep your property (area from centerline of street to middle of alley) clear of weeds, trash and debris.
- Make sure tree removal and building contractors are properly hauling away tree limbs and construction debris from renovation projects.
- Survey your block and report violations by calling 311, which is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Organize a cleanup in your neighborhood by partnering with Keep Birmingham Beautiful. Email KBB@birminghamal.gov or call 205- 254-2662 for details.
- Put bulk trash and limbs out for pick up on the day before your area is scheduled. If you are unsure of your schedule, call 311 or visit: www.birminghamal.gov/bulktrash
- Learn how to report illegal dumping activity at: www.birminghamal.gov/illegal dumping
- Request a "No Dumping" Sign for problem areas in your neighborhood by contacting 311 or call 205-254-2489
- To report stray or aggressive dogs, dial 311.
- Use community-wide dumpsters and the City's Eastern Areas Landfill for additional household garbage/refuse, trash and brush.

Thank you,

Mayor Randall L. Woodfin
City of Birmingham

Common Code Violation



1

Failure to maintain yards

Property owners/occupants must maintain yards, ditches, trenches and anything else connected to the property. Areas must be free of obstructions, vegetation overgrowth, and/or trash and debris.

2

Inoperable vehicles

A vehicle is considered inoperable if it does not display a current tag, it is incapable of being self-propelled upon the public streets of the City of Birmingham, under its own power, and has no insurance.

3

Junk, trash and debris in yards

Junk, auto parts, furniture, household appliances, trash, tires, building materials, tree trimmings, and any other debris cannot be left in a yard.

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Illegally parked vehicles

Residential parking is permitted for operational passenger cars and motorcycles only in a legal driveway or garage. It's illegal to use the city's right of way for the storage of vehicles or equipment and for long-term parking.

Common Code Violation



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Illegally Parked Commercial Vehicles

Commercial equipment and vehicles are not allowed to be parked or stored on a residential /dwelling property nor in a residential /dwelling area outside of delivery.

6

Failure to maintain structures

Must be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary. Also, any wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, fences, walls, ceilings, porches, windows, screens, etc. must be maintained in a weather tight, rodent- proof and sound condition.

7

Illegal dwelling units

It is illegal to add dwelling units to the interior or exterior of a structure without proper permits, regardless of how long the structure has existed.

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Illegal businesses operating in a residential/dwelling areas

Most businesses are not allowed to operate in residential areas. Operating a business requires zoning approval, a Birmingham business license. However, depending on the business, other approvals may be required.

Code Enforcement – Divisions

Zoning Enforcement is responsible for inspecting private property complaints in violation of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Birmingham. Zoning violations include business use of residential/dwelling property, fence violations, outside storage, accessory structures, excessive signage, home occupations, communal living facilities, Zoning Advisory Committee cases, and Public Safety Committee cases, and authorizing the operation of a child or adult care facility and parking in a required front yard (**generally enforced by the Birmingham Police Department-BPD**).

Contact: Bryant Evans, Zoning Supervisor 205-254-2208

Housing Enforcement is responsible for inspecting properties reported to be in violation of the City's Property Maintenance Code. These include issues such as deteriorated roof systems, damaged windows or doors, chipped exterior paint, damaged or deteriorated fascia, soffits, or other exterior features, as well as inadequate utility service. This also includes violations involving general yard maintenance and junk, trash & debris.

Contact: Larry Puckett, Property Maintenance Supervisor 205-297-8043

Condemnation and Demolition Enforcement is responsible for the inspection of structures that may be deemed condemnable and unsafe to the extent that they constitute a public nuisance or present a safety hazard for the general public, as defined by the City's Technical Code. Factors that may lead to a condemned structure include burned structures, doors and windows removed, roof collapses, weak and sagging floors, portions of a building collapsing, vandalism of property, structures damaged by fallen trees and structures sustainably damaged by natural hazard (tornado, flood).

Contact: Michael Glover, Condemnation/Demolition Supervisor 205-254-2242

Environmental Code Enforcement is responsible for inoperable and/or derelict vehicles through the use of Environmental Police Officers. Also, overgrown vegetation of grass and weeds in the front and rear yard of residential/dwelling and commercial properties. Junk, auto parts, furniture, trash, tires, building materials, tree trimmings and any other debris cannot be left in the yard and must be disposed of properly.

Contact: Sandy Hill and/or Deborah Dubose, Environmental Supervisors 205-254-2061

For more information, please contact:

Department of Planning, Engineering, and Permits

Code Enforcement Division

Artemus Willis, Deputy Director-Code Enforcement 205-254-2470

Office of the City Attorney Drug and Nuisance Abatement Team (DNAT)

Since 2020, the City of Birmingham's City Attorney's Office has used civil court to hold landowners accountable for getting rid of crime and blight associated with nuisance issues. Those who fail to comply could face up to thousands in fines.

DNAT has taken 39 negligent landlords or property owners to court, securing over \$102,000.00. This money goes to the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Fund to help with the City's revitalization efforts.

Violators have had to add security guards, improve outdoor lighting, add security cameras, and more to address issues at problem properties.



City Attorney Nicole E. King

To submit a complaint about a problem property, send an email to: problemproperty@birminghamal.gov or call 205-254-6450.

The ABC's of Code Enforcement for Citizens

A

If you see a problem in your area, take **ACTION**. Report problems to 311. Download the Birmingham 311 App.

B

Become a BLOCK watch captain. Contact the crime prevention officer at your local police precinct for guidance. Also, the Citizens Police Academy will begin March 31, 2026 at 6 p.m. Pick up and return an application at one of the city's four police precincts. Contact BPD's COPE Division at 205-933-4175 or email: bpdcope@birminghamal.gov for more info. This 10-week program will be held at the Police Academy, 401 – Sixth Ave. South. Classes will meet every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Two classes will be held on Saturdays: April 25 and May 23 with times to be announced.

C

Help CLEAN UP your neighborhood by cutting grass, picking up litter, etc. Connect with Keep Birmingham Beautiful to host a clean-up day at kbb@birminghamal.gov or for volunteer opportunities visit: www.birminghamal.gov/volunteer

Download 311 App

How to report a code violation to the City of Birmingham

- If you notice a code violation in your neighborhood, dial **311** to submit a complaint.
- Please include the **date of the violation** and the **address for your complaint**.
- After receiving your complaint, an inspector will inspect and determine if a violation exists.
- Upon completion of an inspection, a property owner/occupant of a property will be notified.
- If the violation is not corrected through voluntary compliance, a magistrate, after receiving an enforcement file, may determine if probable cause exists to issue a summons for the property owner/occupant to appear in court.
- If a person is charged, they will be notified with a summons that a charge is pending for violating an ordinance.
- The case will then be heard in Environmental Court by a municipal court judge.
- Environmental Court is held every Wednesday at 9 a.m. in Birmingham Municipal Court, which is located in the David J. Vann Municipal building, 801 – 17th St. North. The docket generally consists of cases generated by Code Enforcement.

Connect with Your Birmingham Precinct Command and Crime Prevention Officer/Specialist

North Precinct: 2600 31st Avenue North 35207

Precinct number: 205-254-2860

Captain: Joe Roberts

Email: Joe.roberts@birminghamal.gov

Crime prevention Officer: Velma Williams Phone: 205-581-3020

Email: velma.williams@birminghamal.gov

South Precinct: 1320 19th Street South 35205

Precinct number: 205-254-2793

Captain: Julie Quigley-Vining

Email: julie.quigley-vining@birminghamal.gov

Crime Prevention Specialist: DeVoris Ragland-Pierce

Phone: 205-933-4146

Email: devoris.ragland@birminghamal.gov

East Precinct: 600 Red Lane Road 35215

Precinct number: 205-254-2685

Captain: Raymond Cochran

Email: raymond.cochran@birminghamal.gov

West Precinct: 2236 47th Street, Ensley 35208

Precinct number: 205-254-2682

Captain: Joshua Osborne

Email: joshua.osborne@birminghamal.gov

Crime Prevention Officer: Meta Eatman Phone: 205-297-8353

Email: meta.eatman@birminghamal.gov



BIRMINGHAM
POLICE DEPARTMENT



CAMERA REGISTRATION PROGRAM

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP BIRMINGHAM SAFE!

- Please register the location of your security cameras with the Birmingham Police Department.
- Registering does not mean the Department will have access to your camera.
- There is no additional cost involved with sharing your camera location.
- We will not share your information with anyone else, and will only contact you if a crime occurs in your neighborhood.

**Share your security camera locations with
the Birmingham Police Department:
birminghampd.fususregistry.com/camera-registry**



SCAN TO REGISTER YOUR CAMERA(S)
Scan the QR code with your phone's
camera to register now!

BIRMINGHAM'S FINEST!!

Illegal Dumpsite

Illegal dumping remains a significant challenge in Birmingham. City crews collect more than 300 tons of bulk trash and illegally dumped debris each week.

We need your help to keep our communities clean.

Please put out your bulk trash around the time of the bulk trash pick-up date for your neighborhood.

Stay informed about bulk trash pickup schedules by visiting www.birminghamal.gov/bulktrash.

To learn how to report or address illegal dumping, visit www.birminghamal.gov/illegal dumping.



Where can you Dump?

Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | **Saturday and Sunday:** Closed

Ensley District	Eastend District	North Birmingham District	Southside District
1044 Avenue W	301 96 th Street North	2413 27 th Street North	501 6 th Avenue South
Birmingham AL 35214	Birmingham AL 35206	Birmingham AL 35234	Birmingham AL 35205

Birmingham residents can utilize the **Eastern Area Landfill** public unloading area, which features a designated cement pad for vehicle drive-up waste disposal. **Driver's license demonstrating residency in Jefferson County is required. There is no fee for residential disposal.**

2787 Alton Road Birmingham, AL 35210

205-655-3391

Hours: Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Saturdays: 7 a.m. – 12 p.m.

CLOSED on Sundays and city holidays, unless otherwise specified.

Please visit www.birminghamal.gov/illegal dumping for details on what materials the landfill will accept

Critical Repair Program Update

The City of Birmingham's **Critical Repair Program** exists to help Birmingham residents needing to make repairs to homes they live in and own. Currently, applications are not being accepted. For more information, call the City's Community Development Department, 205-254-2309.

Eligible Homeowners

Eligible program participants must own and occupy the home to be repaired and have no intent of discontinuing occupancy of the home in the foreseeable future. Eligible program participants must meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income requirements for low-and-moderate income households at the time of application. Eligible program participants must be current on property taxes for the assisted unit.

Eligible Properties/ Repairs

Only single-family homes that are owner-occupied within the Birmingham city limits can qualify. Repairs to conditions threatening the health and safety of the occupants are eligible. The following repairs are considered as eligible repairs under the Critical Repair program:

Roof Replacement

Limited sewer repairs

HVAC repair or replacement

Limited structural repairs

Plumbing repairs

Exterior painting

Electrical repairs

Reminders:

Rental properties do not qualify.

Homeowners with current code enforcement violations are not eligible. (Violations would have to be rectified before approval of application).

City of Birmingham

Communities and Neighborhoods

Airport Hills Community

Airport Highlands
Brownsville Heights Brummitt Heights
Maple Grove
Penfield Park

Brownville Community

East Brownville Roosevelt
West Brownville

Cahaba Community

Overton

Crestline Community

Crestline
Eastwood

Crestwood Community

Crestwood North
Crestwood South

East Birmingham Community

East Birmingham Inglenook
Kingston
North Avondale

East Lake Community

Brown Springs
East Lake
Gate City
North East Lake
Wahouma
Zion City

East Pinson Valley Community

Apple Valley Bridlewood
Echo Highlands
Pine Knoll Vista
Sun Valley

Ensley Community

Dolomite
Ensley
Oak Ridge
Sherman Heights Tuxedo
Wylam

Five Points West Community

Belview Heights
Bush Hills
Central Park
Ensley Highlands
Fairview
Green Acres

Grasselli Community

Grasselli Heights Hillman
Hillman Park
Industrial Center
Tarpley City
West Goldwire

Huffman Community

Huffman
Killough Springs
Liberty Highlands
Spring Lake

North Birmingham

Acipco-Finley
Collegeville
Fairmont
Harriman Park
Hooper City
North

Birmingham Northside Community

Central City
Druid Hills
Evergreen
Fountain Heights Norwood

Pratt Community

Central Pratt
North Pratt
Sandusky
Smithfield Estates
South Pratt
Thomas

Red Mountain Community

Forest Park-
South Avondale
Highland Park
Redmont Park

Roebuck-South East Lake Community

Roebuck
Roebuck Springs-
South Roebuck
South East Lake

Smithfield Community

College Hills
East Thomas
Enon Ridge
Graymont
Smithfield

Southside Community

Five Points South
Glen Iris
Southside

Southwest Community

Garden Highlands
Jones Valley
Mason City
Powderly
Riley-Travellick
Oxmoor

Titusville Community

North Titusville
South Titusville
Woodland Park

West End Community

Arlington-West End
Germania Park
Oakwood Place
Rising-West Princeton
West End Manor

Woodlawn Community

East Avondale
Oak Ridge Park
South Woodlawn
Woodlawn

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