



# KEEP IT UP TO *Code*

A well-maintained property is an asset to the entire community and our local City ordinances help maintain fair standards for you and your neighbors. That's why when life gets busy and maintenance responsibilities get delayed or slip through the cracks, we rely on our City of Martinez Code Enforcement Division to enforce compliance. This flyer was created to assist homeowners by identifying the most common code violations, so that together, we can keep Martinez in tip-top shape.

## Code Enforcement Defined

Code Enforcement is the administration and enforcement of public health, safety, and welfare standards set forth by the City of Martinez through Municipal Codes. The City maintains these standards through its partnership with the community to preserve the quality of life for all Martinez residents. The goal of Code Enforcement is to gain voluntary compliance through education.

## Handling a Notice to Correct

First and foremost, don't panic! A Notice to Correct is NOT a citation. It is an official document that references information about the code section and what you can do to correct the violation within a specific timeframe. The City is looking for voluntary compliance and it willing to work with you to resolve the issue. Taking care of the violation, or if necessary requesting an extension, are the actions you should take to avoid additional notices and possible citations for non-compliance.

## Improve Neighborhood Livability

Code Enforcement complaint forms may be picked up at the Inspection Division counter at City Hall. The Code Enforcement Division can be reached at (925) 372-3598. To report a violation to Code Enforcement, visit the City website: [cityofmartinez.org/crm2](http://cityofmartinez.org/crm2)

## Most Common Code Violations



### Landscape & Tree Maintenance

Keep landscaping maintained and watered. Overgrown, dead, decayed or diseased vegetation on private property is a public nuisance. Street trees must not impede public use of sidewalks or streets, or impeded city street sweepers.



### Public Nuisance

This includes any unlawful obstruction or encroachment upon any public property, including but not limited to any public street, highway, right-of-way, park or building.



### RV/Boat Parking & RV Occupancy

RV's cannot be permanently parked in front or side yards, with some exceptions. Maximum 72 hours in front yards for purposes of loading/unloading only. For more information, please visit: [CityOfMartinez.org/depts/building/code.asp](http://CityOfMartinez.org/depts/building/code.asp)

Living in an RV for more than one week on private property is not allowed.



### Sidewalks

Sidewalks must be maintained in an accessible and a safe condition. Accessibility includes eliminating vegetation and/or trash on and over the sidewalk to allow an average person(s) unobstructed use or passage, and unobstructed vehicle views around corners.



### Trash & Debris

Accumulation of trash, debris, refuse and waste material, broken or discarded furniture, appliances, and hazardous waste is considered a property nuisance and is not allowed.

Residential solid waste containers must be off the streets and out of public view except for 24 hours before and after scheduled pickups.

City of Martinez Police Department  
(925) 372-3440 - In case of an emergency, please call 911



### Vehicle Street Parking & Inoperable Vehicles

Vehicles may park on residential streets for up to 72 hours. No parking of commercial vehicles five tons or more are permitted on residential streets.

Junked or inoperative vehicles cannot be parked on public or private property, with few exceptions. This includes the accumulation of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles or vehicle parts.

Contra Costa County Code Enforcement  
(925) 674-7210



### Noisy Animals

Defined as more than 30 continuous minutes, or 60 minutes/24-hours.



### Pools, Spas, Ponds, Fountains, Etc.

Must be maintained and filtered, eliminating stagnant water.