

# Summary of City Codes

## GARAGE SALES

A maximum of four, two day, sales per parcel, per year are allowed (DPMC - Section 4.20.010). For more information on these regulations, please contact Code Enforcement at (949) 248-3564.

## CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT PERMITS

Work performed without permits and/or approvals is a violation of the 2013 California Building Code as well as the City's Municipal Code. Most improvements require review and/or permitting by the City. To avoid potential penalties, including but not limited to fees or reconstruction, contact the Planning or Building Divisions at (949) 248-3563 prior to beginning any construction work.

## ILLEGAL GARAGE CONVERSIONS/ SECOND UNITS

Garages shall be utilized for the parking/storage of vehicles, and under no circumstances be converted to habitable space. However, second units are permitted as attached or detached structures in all zoning districts zoned for single-family uses, subject to the standards of the Dana Point Zoning Code (including setbacks, heights, etc.). For more information on constructing a second unit, or to report an illegal garage conversion, contact the Planning Division at (949) 248-3563.

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Property must be maintained to preclude debris, deteriorated paint, broken fences, windows/screens, weeds, barren landscape, etc (DPMC Section 6.14). To report a violation, please contact Code Enforcement at (949) 248-3564.

## NOISE

Fixed noise sources shall not exceed 55 decibels (dB) from 7 AM to 10 PM and 45 dB from 10 PM to 7 AM (DPMC Section 11.10.012). If a loud event is disturbing your peace, please contact the Sheriffs Department at (949) 770-6011.

## PERMITTED HOURS FOR CONSTRUCTION

7am To 8pm Monday through Saturday. Construction is prohibited on Sundays and Federal Holidays.

# Reporting Violations

When reporting a possible code violation to the City, be sure to include as much information as possible so that we can remedy the situation. Please note the following:

- Provide the address of the violation site. If the address is unknown, give location of the property (e.g. northwest corner of Street XX and YY).
- Identify the specific complaint.
- Provide a specific description of the complaint (e.g. the who, what and where of the complaint).
- Provide your name, address and phone number (optional).



## City of Dana Point Code Enforcement

33282 Golden Lantern

Dana Point, CA 92629

(949) 248-3564

[www.danapoint.org/codeenforcement](http://www.danapoint.org/codeenforcement)

**Code Enforcement and Graffiti Hotline:**

**(949) 248-3573**

**Code Enforcement and Graffiti E-Mail:**

[capocode@danapoint.org](mailto:capocode@danapoint.org)

City Hall Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Friday: 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM



## City of Dana Point Neighborhood Maintenance & Improvement Guide



*Harboring the Good Life*

# About this Guide

The City has adopted codes specifically designed to address property maintenance and neighborhood preservation for all residents. These codes protect the community from site conditions that may be detrimental to property values and neighborhood character, or potentially hazardous to public health and safety. This guide is intended to assist residents about codes and land use requirements in the City of Dana Point, and was prepared with assistance from the Lantern Village Association.

The City utilizes a community-based approach for enforcement of the Municipal Code, encouraging participation from all members of the community including residents, civic organizations, businesses and neighborhood associations.

This guide provides a summary of the City's Municipal Code as well as tips and options for maintaining the appearance of your property and neighborhood. This information can also be found online at [www.danapoint.org](http://www.danapoint.org).

Should you notice code violations in your neighborhood, or have any questions, you are encouraged to contact the City.



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The following excerpts from the City's Municipal Code facilitate neighborhood maintenance and improvement. The Dana Point Municipal Code can be found online at [www.danapoint.org](http://www.danapoint.org).

**PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS** is restricted to a maximum of 72 hours. Vehicles may be considered abandoned and subject to towing by the OC Sheriff's Department (DPMC Section 12.08).

**OVERHANGING A VEHICLE** beyond a driveway which causes blocking of a sidewalk is illegal according to the California Vehicle Code. If there is no sidewalk, parked cars on a driveway cannot extend beyond the width of cars that are parallel parked on adjacent curbs. To report an abandoned or illegally parked vehicle, contact the Sheriff's Department at (949) 770-6011.

**INOPERABLE VEHICLES** may not be parked on public or private property if they are in public view from other properties and/or to the public. (DPMC Section 6.14.201). To report inoperable vehicles on public property, contact the OC Sheriff at (949) 770-6011. For inoperable vehicles on private property, contact Code Enforcement at (949) 248-3564.

**RECREATIONAL & COMMERCIAL VEHICLES** which are greater than 80 inches in width cannot be parked on residential streets between 8 PM and 6 AM. Unattached trailers are prohibited on public streets for more than two hours. To report a problem, please contact the OC Sheriff at (949) 770-6011.

**TRASH BINS AND OTHER BULKY ITEMS** shall be stored out of public view and not placed at the curb before 5 PM the day before collection, or after 8 AM the day after collection (DPMC Section 6.10.040 (c)). CR&R conducts trash pick-ups in the City, including bulky items. Contact CR&R at (877) 728-0446 for more information.

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**ANIMALS & BARKING DOG** complaints are handled by Coastal Animal Service Authority (CASA). To report a barking dog or other animal nuisance call CASA at (949) 492-1617 or you can fill out an online form at [www.san-clemente.org/department-services/animal-services/animal-services-home/barking-ordinance](http://www.san-clemente.org/department-services/animal-services/animal-services-home/barking-ordinance).

**GRAFFITI** is defined as any unauthorized spraying of paint or marking of ink, chalk, dye or similar substances on buildings or structures. Any individual that places graffiti is subject to civil or criminal prosecution. To report graffiti, call the Graffiti Hotline at (949) 248-3573.

**WATER QUALITY** Division of the Public Works and Engineering Department is responsible for monitoring any discharges from business, commercial, industrial or residential activities that might pollute local water sources.

**DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
Hazardous household wastes must be disposed of at a certified collection center. The Prima Deshecha Landfill accepts hazardous waste and is open Monday - Saturday for **FREE** drop-offs, 9 AM - 3 PM.  
For more information, visit [www.oclandfills.com](http://www.oclandfills.com).

**To report illegal dumping, discharges into storm drains, or a pollution spill:**  
Dana Point Code Enforcement (949) 248-3564  
Dana Point Water Quality (949) 248-3584

**For questions relating to sewage treatment, drinking water or watering of landscaped areas on unauthorized days:**  
South Coast Water District (949) 499-4555

**For general water quality concerns/questions:**  
Dana Point Public Works (949) 248-3584

**After hours calls:**  
**Sheriff Dept. Dispatch:** (949) 770-6011  
**Code Enforcement Hotline:** (949) 248-3573