

## How To File A Complaint

### Complaint Form Available At:

- City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.
- [www.BeautifySpokane.org](http://www.BeautifySpokane.org)
- [www.SpokaneNeighborhoods.org](http://www.SpokaneNeighborhoods.org)

## Submitting the Form

- Email: [CodeEnforcement@SpokaneCity.org](mailto:CodeEnforcement@SpokaneCity.org)
- At your local COPS Shop
- By Mail: Code Enforcement  
6th floor Municipal Building  
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.  
Spokane, WA 99201-3333
- By fax: (509) 625.6802
- Remember: **FORMS MUST BE SIGNED** – anonymous complaints not accepted, non-disclosure option available.

## Remember

- In case of fire, CALL 911
- Code Enforcement **ONLY** deals with tall dry vegetation and debris after fire hazard criteria are met during the official Fire Season.
- Other fire hazards that are of concern, the Spokane Fire Department should be contacted.
- To report a potential fire hazard, contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 625-7000.

## Questions?

Feel free to call or contact us at:

CITY OF SPOKANE  
OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES  
& CODE ENFORCEMENT  
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Spokane, WA 99201



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# Fire Hazards



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## Examples of Fire Hazards



Tall, Dry Vegetation Close to House!



Tall, Dry Vegetation Close to Fence!



Neatly Stacked Wood Away From House  
Is Not A Violation!

## Is it a Fire Hazard?

According to SMC 10.080.040 the following are considered when determining whether or not vegetation at a site is a hazard:

1. Is the situation present between May 1st to November 30th.
2. Has there been a lack of rain for 10 continuous days which has negatively affected the soil moisture content?
3. Has the average air temperature been above 70 degrees Fahrenheit for 10 consecutive days?
4. Is the length of the grass or other vegetative material, whether standing or matted, 10 inches or more?
5. Is the vegetation within 10 feet of a combustible fence or other combustible structure?

## Debris As A Fire Hazard

- It must be of considerable dryness and flammability to be able to combust and spread.
- Neatly stacked lumber, stacks of firewood, scrap metal etc. are not considered a fire hazard.
- Most cases of debris accumulation are dealt with as solid waste rather than a fire hazard.

## After A Complaint Form Has Been Filed

- A Code Enforcement Officer will inspect the property and make a determination if a violation of the code exists.
- If a violation is found, a Notice of Violation will be issued to the property owner and occupants with a date that the property must be brought into compliance.

## What If The Property Is Non-Compliant?

In most cases, the issue is taken care of after the Notice is sent but if the property is not brought into compliance the city may either:

- Have the vegetation cut and removed at cost to the owner/occupants,
- Remove the debris at cost to the owner/occupants, or
- Issue a citation for \$536.00 to the owner and occupants.

