

In order to effectively address the blight posed by abandoned and inoperative vehicles in public view, our Department enforces all applicable Norwalk Municipal Codes pertaining to such vehicles. The objective of the Vehicle Abatement Program is to keep neighborhoods free of substandard and unsightly conditions caused by the storage of inoperative and abandoned vehicles in the interest of improving the quality of life of our residents and the community.

### Reference Norwalk Municipal Codes:

- **10.08.120 NMC** Parking and Storage of Vehicles on Private Property
- **8.12.160 NMC** Abandonment of wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle-- Misdemeanor

**If your vehicle is given a Notice of Violation, you will have 15 days to make corrections. It is vital to comply and make all corrections necessary, otherwise, vehicle owners are subject to citation and or the vehicle is subject for removal.**

### Violations include but are not limited to:

- **Vehicle appears inoperable: Wrecked or dismantled**
- **Not maintained or clean. Dirt/ Debris on and or surrounding vehicle**
- **Deflated tires**
- **Vehicle being used for storage**
- **Expired registration**
- **Not registered to the residence**
- **Planned Non-Operation in public view**

## Frequently Asked Questions:



### ➤ What is an inoperative vehicle?

*A vehicle that is missing parts necessary to operate, or is in a damaged condition where the vehicle cannot operate, is considered inoperative. A vehicle must be in drivable condition, completely assembled, maintained clean and not significantly damaged nor continuously under repair and currently registered for operation on public streets.*

### ➤ Can I request more time to make corrections to my vehicle?

*Yes. The Department will grant extensions for reasonable time periods, depending on circumstances.*

### ➤ Can I store my Unregistered or Inoperable Vehicles on my Property?

*It is unlawful to park or store any vehicles that are not currently registered for operation on public streets; unless they are stored in a fully enclosed building i.e. garage.*

### ➤ Can my vehicle be cited and/or towed from my private property?

*Property and vehicle owners who do not comply are subject to an Administrative citation. The registered owner is also subject to a parking citation and misdemeanor citation. Section 8.12.050 of the Norwalk Municipal Code allows the City to abate, or otherwise, have the subject vehicle removed from your private property.*



### ➤ My vehicle is registered as a PNO. Is that sufficient to meet compliance?

*No. A vehicle must be operable and currently registered to be driven on City streets. A PNO is not acceptable to show compliance for abandoned/inoperable vehicle violations.*

### ➤ Will I owe any fees if my vehicle is towed?

*The property and /or registered owner may be liable for the cost of any citation, towing, and storage fees that result from your vehicle remaining in violation of any of these ordinances.*

### ➤ Can I place a car cover over my vehicle to close the case?

*Placing a car cover over your vehicle will not be sufficient to close the case. All violations must be corrected, before a case can be closed.*

### ➤ What if I can't afford to fix my vehicle?

*Refer to California DMV for SMOG exempt program. Consumer Assistance Program offers assistance to repair or retire your vehicle. There are various programs to donate your vehicle to that offer free pick-ups.*

## Report a Violation

Contact the Department of Public Safety  
**562-929-5732**

**When making a report, please provide the following:**

The specific address where the vehicle is located.

Description, make, and color if known.

Condition of the vehicle (flat tire, wrecked, dismantled, etc.)

### Preventing a vehicle abatement violation

**Tips:** Keep up on scheduled maintenance (i.e. oil changes, check tire pressure etc.) Keep vehicle and area cleaned. Ensure that registration is up to date.

# Key Phone Numbers



Emergency - 911  
Norwalk Sheriff's Station - 863-8711  
Public Safety - 929-5732  
Fire Station #20 - 863-0214  
Fire Station #115 - 868-5212

SEAACA - 803-3301  
Dog Licensing - 929-5711  
Code Compliance - 929-5730

Bulky Item Trash Pick-Up  
Athens - (855) 557-1007

Graffiti Removal - 929-5555  
On Freeway (Cal Trans) - (949) 724-2500  
Shopping Cart Retrieval - (800) 252-4613



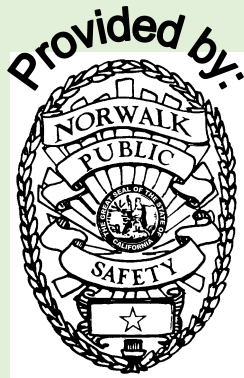
Have questions or need assistance?  
Contact the Public Safety Department:

📞 562 929-5732

✉ [publicsafety@norwalkca.gov](mailto:publicsafety@norwalkca.gov)

🌐 [www.norwalk.org](http://www.norwalk.org)

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



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## VEHICLE ABATEMENT

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### Parking and Storing of Vehicles on Private Property

*Some things you should  
know...*



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