

## **Adams County Code Compliance FAQ**

### **What does “unincorporated” Adams County mean?**

Unincorporated properties within the jurisdictional boundary of Adams County, Colorado, are not governed by a local municipal entity. Unincorporated portions of Adams County typically fall outside the city limits of the City of Aurora, the City of Brighton, the City of Commerce City, etc.

### **What are your regulations for vehicles?**

Vehicles that are obviously inoperable, partially or totally dismantled, or are wrecked/damaged to the extent they would be unlawful to operate on a public street, may not be stored outside on any public street or on private property.

### **How do you report unlicensed/abandoned/inoperable vehicles?**

Abandoned / unlicensed / inoperable vehicles parked on the street where the owner is unknown, contact the Sheriff's Office at 720-322-1700 or 720-322-1114.

### **How long can trash containers be at the curb?**

Trash containers are only allowed in the front-yard area or street for 24 hours to allow for pickup. Pull the containers back behind the front of the house to store. All trash containers must be covered.

### **Who is responsible for dead trees?**

Tree limbs or bushes may not block the sidewalk, cause a hinderance when overhanging the street, or obstruct the view of traffic. Nuisance or problem (dead) trees on private property that do not impact a right-of-way is a matter for neighbors to resolve.

Tree limbs in power lines should be reported to either Excel (800-895-1999) or United Power (303-637-1350).

### **What is environmental blight?**

Environmental Blight is rubbish, junk, trash, garbage and debris; tall, overgrown grass, weeds, brush (12"); castoff material such as scrap metal, plastic, wood, appliances, machinery and auto parts stored outdoors.

### **Do I need a permit for a shed or outbuilding?**

Accessory structures (sheds more than 200 sq. ft. require a permit ([epermitcenter@adcogov.org](mailto:epermitcenter@adcogov.org)))

### **Do I need a permit for a fence?**

Fences higher than 42" require a permit ([epermitcenter@adcogov.org](mailto:epermitcenter@adcogov.org)).

Fences must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair.

### **When am I required to remove snow and ice from the sidewalk?**

Property owners are required to maintain sidewalk, curb and gutter, including snow removal to allow pedestrian access.

### **How do I report illegal dumping?**

Trash dumped in the street or alley should be reported to Public Works at 303-853-7103.

### **How do I file a building complaint?**

Complaints regarding remodels, additions to buildings, plumbing, electrical, etc., should be reported to the Building Safety Division at 720-523-6800.

### **How do I file a complaint about illicit discharge?**

Concerns involving drainage, ditches, retention ponds, oil or fluid in the street, and leaves in the street should be reported to Stormwater Quality Division at 720-523-6400.

### **How do I report noise complaints?**

Noise complaints of loud music, parties, and neighbor disputes are the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Office. 303-654-1850 or ADCOM at 303-288-1535.

### **Is Construction noise allowed?**

Construction noise is allowed between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

**How do I report graffiti?**

To report graffiti, call the graffiti hotline at 720-523-6565 or send an email to [graffiti@adcogov.org](mailto:graffiti@adcogov.org)

**How do I report a streetlight outage?**

How report the outage of a streetlight, contact Excel (800-895-1999) or United Power (303-637-1350).