



# CLEARLAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## RESOURCES FOR RESOLVING ILLEGAL CAMPING / SQUATTERS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

To assist you with removing unauthorized occupants of your private property, here are some suggestions and resources.

- Post No Trespassing signs all around the property.
- Notice of Entry: Announce that you are entering your property to remove trash and debris; this gives notice to the occupants so that they will have an opportunity to remove their belongings. We recommend serving a 24-hour or 48-hour notice. The notice should include the property address, owner name and contact number, and the date and time you will return to dispose of the debris. Post the notice at the location, take a picture of the posting, and keep a copy of it. Examples of how to prepare a Notice of Entry can be found with an online search.
- Trespassing: You can contact Clearlake Police Department for assistance with filing trespassing charges on the occupants. You may be asked to complete a Citizens Arrest form. (707) 994-8251 Option 1 for Dispatch. You can also request Extra Patrols on your street with the Dispatcher's help.
- Eviction: You can contact the Lake County Sheriff for assistance with serving a legal eviction on the occupants. This option may apply only to occupants of a home. For more info call (707) 262-4080.
- Self-Help Legal Aid: If you need any court forms or resources for other civil actions, you can contact the Lake County Superior Court in Clearlake at (707) 994-6598.
- Referrals for Contractors/Services: Contact the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce at (707) 994-3600. Ask for debris cleanup help, junk haulers, property management, etc.
- Consider installing a sturdy fence with a locking gate around vacant parcels to prevent future invasions.
- Civil Stand-by request: You can request that police accompany you if you need to go to your property. You must make this request in person at the Clearlake Police Department on the day you wish to go.

It is our goal to work with you toward successful resolution of your Code Enforcement case. Please note that as the property owner, it is your responsibility to bring your property into full compliance. Please be sure to communicate the steps you are taking so that you can stay within the compliance deadlines. There must be full compliance or significant progress toward compliance upon any inspection date. Failure to show progress upon inspection will result in Administrative Citation fines.

This information is provided as a courtesy and is not intended to be inclusive of all options that may be available. Property owners are encouraged to be diligent in seeking out other resources as needed.

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