

## Get to know the laws

If the owner and/or occupant fails to comply in a timely manner with a request to correct a violation, a municipal court citation may be issued and/or the violation corrected at the owner's expense. A lien may be filed to recover the city's cost of abatement.

## Code Enforcement FAQs

### **How can I make a complaint?**

You can come to the City Hall Annex in person and speak to a Code Officer or file a written complaint by calling 432-264-2505, via fax at 432-264-7024, or via email at: [codeenforcement@mybigspring.com](mailto:codeenforcement@mybigspring.com).

### **How long should it take for a Code Officer to investigate my complaint?**

Officers will try to perform an initial investigation within 48 hours. Health and safety issues take first priority.

### **What if I want to stay anonymous?**

*Code Officers do not discuss the name of a complainant with a violator when a complaint is observed.* However, if you choose to remain anonymous, the code enforcement officers will not be able to inform you of actions taken.



## **Options for Disposal**

### **Big Spring Landfill**

4100 E FM 700

Hours: 8a.m. – 5p.m.

Monday – Saturday

Tel: 432-264-2383

Accepts household waste.  
Non-commercial recycled oil  
& oil filters only.

#### **Rates**

\$.0225 /lb

\$45.00/ton per day

#### **No charge**

Metal, refrigerators/freezers  
(Freon must be removed)

### **Compost Facility**

4100 E FM 700

Hours: 8a.m. – 5p.m.

Monday – Saturday

Tel: 432-264-2383

Accepts wood, brush,  
grass clippings, leaves, and  
wood construction debris only.

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## **The Code Enforcement Guide and Handbook**

The City of Big Spring residents need and deserve to live in a safe and healthy environment.

The City of Big Spring Code Enforcement Division is responsible for enforcing city ordinances.

The division is authorized to pursue criminal and civil remedies to abate nuisances for the purpose of maintain a safe, sanitary, and clean city.

**Residents are urged to be sure their properties are clean.**

**For information contact:**

**City of Big Spring  
Code Enforcement  
305 Johnson**

**Tel: 432-264-2505 or  
432-264-2506**

**Fax: 432-264-7024**

**[www.mybigspring.com](http://www.mybigspring.com)**

### Common Code Violations

Help clean up our town and keep your property values up.

#### Accumulation of weeds, rubbish, etc.

The word “weeds” as herein used shall include all rank of uncultivated vegetable growth or matter which:

1. has grown to more than 12 inches in height or;
2. creates an unsanitary condition or becomes a breeding place for mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or other disease-carrying pest regardless of the height of the growth or;
3. endangers property or is liable to be set on fire.



#### Overgrown Trees/Shrubs

The ordinance regarding trees requires maintenance in height of 14 feet minimum clearance over the right of way in a street and/or alley and a minimum of eight feet clearance over sidewalks. Trees and shrubs cannot obstruct street intersections, signs, or traffic control devices. The owner of the property on which the tree or shrub is growing is responsible for keeping the tree or shrub trimmed.

#### Fences

Property owners are required to maintain their fences in a structurally sound condition.

#### Graffiti

The property owner is responsible for removing graffiti. Once the property owner is notified by Code Enforcement of a graffiti problem, he or she has 10 days to abate.

### Substandard Structure

A structure is considered substandard when it does not meet the standards or specifications of the City of Big Spring Substandard Structure Ordinance. This includes broken windows, open doors, or any opening that grants access from the outside. Substandard Structure does not include aesthetics i.e. paint, boarded up windows, doors, etc.



#### Junk Vehicles

A junk vehicle is defined as follows:

1. Self propelled but inoperable.
2. Has an expired license plate or an invalid inspection certificate.
3. Is wrecked, dismantled, or discarded.
4. Has remained inoperable for more than 30 consecutive days.



#### Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumpsites are often hidden from view. Violators caught in the act are ticketed immediately.

#### Garage Sales

A resident may host a garage sale for a duration of two days no more than twice per year. Garage Sale signs must be removed within 24 hours after the end of sale.

### Accumulation of junk, trash, and debris

The accumulation of trash and debris (lumber, bricks, plastic, etc.) is a violation. Violators are issued a 10-day warning letter to abate the condition. If the violation continues, a citation is then sent.



#### Parking vehicles in the front yard

The ordinance prohibits vehicles in the front unless it is parked on a hard, approved surface.



#### Post Signs

It is a violation to place signs on utility poles and/or stakes in the right of way.



#### General Nuisances

This includes the discharge of wastewater, stagnant pools of water conducive to mosquito breeding, storage of items or materials on a porch, harborage for rodents and garbage or trash.