

Seven Principles of a Healthy Home

ALWAYS KEEP IT...

1. Dry
2. Clean
3. Pest-free
4. Ventilated
5. Safe
6. Contaminant-free
7. Maintained



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For any questions or concerns in your neighborhood
Housing & Neighborhood Health

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General Information

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To Report a Concern in your Neighborhood

*Improving the
Quality of Life in
Your Neighborhood*

A healthy home is a home designed,
constructed, maintained or
rehabilitated in a manner that
supports the health of the residents.

—National Center for Healthy Housing, Washington, D.C.



**MARION COUNTY
PUBLIC
HEALTH
DEPARTMENT**

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ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following criteria must be met for an abandoned vehicle to be towed:

- It is three model years or older
- It is visible from public property and accessible by a tow truck
- It is mechanically inoperable
- It is on the property, in the reported condition, for more than 20 days
- A court order has been issued to remove the vehicle

Additionally, if the vehicle has been on private property for more than 48 hours, the owner or person in control of that property can sign an affidavit authorizing the vehicle to be towed.

If a citizen observes a vehicle in violation on private property for 21 days, he or she can sign a citizen affidavit that will allow the vehicle to be towed within 72 hours.

TRASH

If a trash violation exists at a property, a health department inspector attempts to contact the owner to explain how to correct the violation. The inspector issues a notice of violation after the inspection and then conducts a follow-up inspection to see if the violations have been corrected.

Trash violations may include but are not limited to:

- Garbage
- Large rubbish and junk (appliances, furniture, mattresses, etc)
- Inoperable or unlicensed vehicles
- Animal manure
- Tree limbs or wood on the ground
- Weeds and grass more than 12-inches tall
- Building materials on the ground

If the violations are not corrected, a \$100 ticket will be issued to first-time offenders, and a \$250 ticket will be issued for repeat offenders. Some cases may involve extenuating circumstances where the property cannot be cleaned or the ticket is not paid; the inspector may refer these types of cases to Environmental Court for legal action.

HOUSING

An inspector issues a notice of violation and will conduct a follow-up inspection within 24 hours to 30 days (depending on the severity of the violation).

Housing violations that must be corrected within 24 hours include but are not limited to:

- No water, gas or electrical service
- Raw sewage inside the structure
- Severe unsanitary conditions inside the structure
- Toxic fumes from combustion appliances
- No heat (seasonal)

Interior and exterior housing violations that must be corrected within 24 hours to 30 days, depending on the severity of the conditions, include but are not limited to:

- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Appliances (stove, refrigerator, furnace or air conditioner)
- Walls, floors, ceiling, etc.
- Siding or peeling paint (including lead-based paint)
- Roof and foundation
- Gutters and downspouts
- Doors and windows
- Accessory structures (unattached garages, shed, etc)

If the violation has been corrected, the inspector will close the case. If adequate progress has been made, the inspector may give more time to finish making the corrections. If little or no progress has been made, the inspector may refer the case to Environmental Court for legal action.