



City of Bellevue Homelessness Response Information for Private Property Owners

Responding to homelessness in our community takes everyone working together. The City of Bellevue's response to homelessness in our community seeks to prevent homelessness; provides access to shelter, housing, and services to support housing stability; and implements fair enforcement of city code that accounts for the safety and wellbeing of all of Bellevue's community members. We support regional efforts to prevent homelessness and to make it rare, brief and one-time when it occurs.

The City is responsible for maintenance of public parks, streets, sidewalks, and other public properties. We offer outreach services and connections to housing and shelter, clean up debris, and ensure public spaces are available to everyone. Please visit BellevueWA.gov/homelessness for more about the City's homelessness response work.

If you are a property owner or manager and believe an unsheltered person is camping on your property...

- In case of an emergency, please call 911.
- If you are concerned about a community member in need of support, the City's Homelessness Outreach Team may be able to offer the person assistance in getting to shelter. To request a visit from our Homelessness Outreach Team, please email homelessness@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4105. The property owner or manager will need to provide written permission for the Outreach Team to enter your property.
- As a private property owner, you have the right to prohibit trespassers on your property. Please call the Police non-emergency number (425-577-5656) to request assistance. Private commercial and multi-unit housing (apartment/condo) property owners can enroll in the BPD Trespass Program so that BPD officers are able to enter the property to enforce trespass laws. Contact the Bellevue Police Crime Prevention Officer at CrimePrevention@bellevuewa.gov for more information or to enroll.
- Clean-up support: Private property owners are solely responsible for their own property maintenance and cleanliness. If you work with a property management company or landscaping maintenance crew, they may be able to assist you in cleaning up debris. There are also a number of private companies that have experience with encampment cleanups. A quick web search using keywords like "Encampment," "biohazard," "cleanup," and "King County" will pull up multiple companies that offer such a service.

