

# Junk, Debris and Garbage = Blight



**Blight is a deteriorating environmental condition or nuisance that can damage and eventually ruin the security, health, and economic vitality of a business district or neighborhood if it is ignored and allowed to grow.**

## Can I Store My Junk on My Property?

No. It shall be unlawful for any person to store or keep, or permit others to store or keep, junk. This includes, but is not limited to: scrap metals or other scrap materials on any lot or parcel, or any portion thereof, in any zone other than a heavy industrial zone. All such items should be stored inside a fully enclosed structure.



## Can I Store Junk, Garbage, and Rubbish behind my fence?

No. It is a violation of the zoning code to have junk and rubbish on the property whether screened from view or not. In addition, the storage of junk and rubbish within view of the public right-of-way or neighboring properties constitutes a public nuisance and can result in the case being taken to a Nuisance Hearing.

## So What is Junk?

Junk is defined as "any worn out, cast off, or discarded article or material which is ready for destruction or has been collected or stored for salvage or conversion to some use."

## What is Rubbish?

Rubbish includes, but is not limited to waste such as paper, cardboard, grass clippings, tree or shrub trimmings, wood, bedding, crockery, construction waste, and similar waste materials.

## CITY OF WILDWOOD | DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

100 North Main Street  
Wildwood, FL—34785

Phone: 352-330-1334

Fax: 352-330-1338

E-mail: [codeenforcement@wildwood-fl.gov](mailto:codeenforcement@wildwood-fl.gov)

## How Can You Help?

- Keep automobile repair limited to minor repair.
- Keep both developed and undeveloped property free of trash, debris, and excessive foliage.
- Fence or board properties that might attract trespassers or vandals.
- Keep grounds and structures clean and tidy.
- Park in designated parking.
- Learn and adhere to local zoning and code regulations.
- Do not tolerate illicit activity.
- Cooperate in good faith should you receive a complaint.
- Report violations and nuisances.

***This is Your Community! Let's work together to keep it clean and safe!***