

## Civic Duty

*Ord. No. 1227 Art. I § 10-3*

The owner and/or occupant of any lot is required to cut all weeds and overgrown vegetation and to remove solid waste as often as may be necessary to prevent the growth of such weeds and overgrown vegetation or the accumulation of such solid waste.

## Penalty

*Ord. No. 1227 Art. V § 10-96*

A Charleston County Code Enforcement Officer will send a notice to property owners who are not complying with regulations. Failure to comply in a timely manner shall constitute a misdemeanor charge with the following possibly penalties:

- A fine of no more than \$1092
- Imprisonment of no more than 30 days
- A minimum of 20 community service hours

### To report a nuisance:

Environmental Enforcement  
(843) 202-7250

[tfetner@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:tfetner@charlestoncounty.org)

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## Environmental Code Enforcement

*Protecting the health,  
safety, and general welfare of  
Charleston County residents*



**The regulations set standards for litter control and property maintenance in Charleston County. The control of litter and solid waste accumulation will have a lasting effect on the County's environment and appearance.**

**It is the civic duty of every resident and property owner to comply with the regulations and help keep Charleston County beautiful.**

## Key Definitions

*Ord. No. 1227 Art. 1 § 10-1, Art. 5 §10.94*

### Solid Waste

Garbage, rubbish, trash, offal, junk, litter, building materials, demolition of materials, scrap, fallen trees and any other



matter that poses a threat to good health and public sanitation.

### Weeds & Overgrown Vegetation



Dense, uncultivated, vegetation overgrowth over 10 inches in height, or uncultivated briars, vines or other similar

vegetation exceeding six feet in length.

### Unimproved Lot

An undeveloped lot that is still in its natural, vegetative state.



### Improved Lot

A lot that has been developed or is no longer in its natural, vegetative state.

### Litter

All waste materials such as disposable packages or containers, trash, or garbage.



### LITTER

### Litter Receptacle

Containers adopted by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. They may be standardized as to size, shape, capacity and color and may show a state or county anti-litter symbol. Any other receptacle suitable for the depositing of litter also qualifies.

### Disposal Package or Container

All packages or containers defined as such by rules adopted by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control.

## Accumulation

*Ord. No. 1227 Art. 1 § 10-2*

### Weeds and Overgrown Vegetation

Any occupied or unoccupied improved lot that is located in a residential or commercial area within any unincorporated area of the County shall not allow the growth of weeds and overgrown vegetation.

## Solid Waste

Any occupied or unoccupied improved or unimproved lot that is located within any unincorporated area of the county shall not permit the accumulation of solid waste.

## Litter Control

*Ord. No. 1227 Art. 5 § 10-92*

Transporting illegal materials, illegal dumping and unlawful disposal and placement of debris is not allowed on any public or private property or waters within the unincorporated boundaries of Charleston County.

## What the County Does NOT do

Charleston County is not responsible for:

- Removal of solid waste
- Removal of weeds and overgrown vegetation