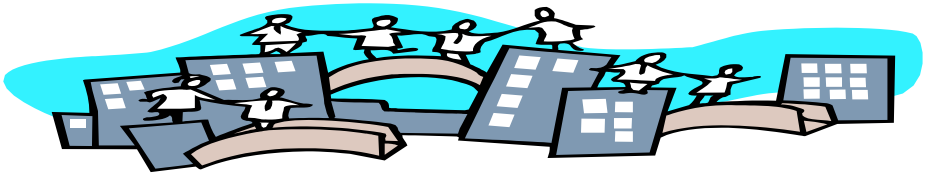
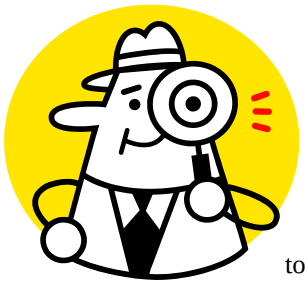




Sanitation Inspection Unit

The Sanitation Inspection Unit (SIU), under the direction of the Public Works Department, is responsible for monitoring environmental rules and regulations created to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Inglewood and to ensure that federal, state and local environmental guidelines are followed. Adherence to these regulations and guidelines will enhance the quality of life in our City and help to maintain healthy neighborhoods free from unsightly or hazardous conditions.

The goal is to work closely with residents to protect neighborhoods from unhealthy conditions, and to prevent property values from deterioration and decline by educating the citizens of Inglewood of the standards for the use and maintenance of public and private property within the City.

The City is divided into specific geographic areas with a Sanitation Inspector assigned to one or more areas of constant monitoring. Each inspector is responsible for observing, acting upon or reporting problems occurring within their assigned area(s). Generally, their work occurs on both a reactive (compliant from a community source) and a proactive (initiated by the inspector) basis. When a problem/complaint is recorded, work begins to resolve the problem through a process of education, inspection and notices. Continued violations are followed by progressive enforcement by the City's Sanitation Inspection Unit and/or Code Enforcement Division.

Each problem has its own set of procedures; however, the process generally follows this sequence:

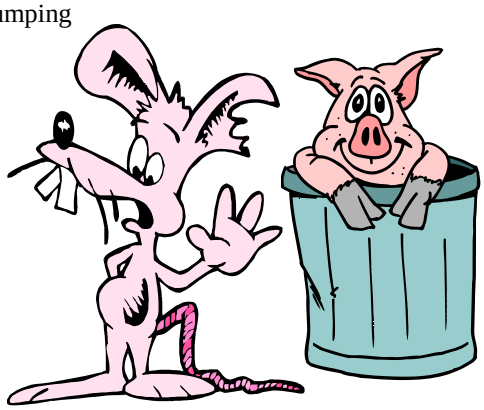
- Complaint received
- Inspection conducted
- Notice given to violator allowing time for corrections
- Re-inspection conducted
- Civil Citation issued by the Sanitation Inspector and/or Code Enforcement if violation is not corrected
- Criminal prosecution filed if not corrected after the civil citation process
- Abate (violation removed by City) and lien

The SIU will work with neighborhood groups to resolve problems. The Unit also works with other City departments, such as the Inglewood Police Department, Code Enforcement, or, with federal, state and county agencies to solve problems that may occur.

Additional Responsibilities

The Sanitation Inspection Unit is also responsible for handling services such as:

- Alley Flash-Cams – Devices designed to detect incidences of illegal dumping
- Illegal Waste Haulers – Operators who violate the City's waste ordinances
- Illegal Dumping Abatement – Detection and abatement of litter and dumping
- Illegal Scavenging – Detection and prevention of recycling thefts



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