

Homeless Camp FAQ's

- **How does the Muni cleanup homeless camps?**
 - The Municipality has a detailed homeless camp cleanup process. First, the Anchorage Police Department Community Action Policing (CAP) Team must go out and post the camp. This means they notify the campers that they are illegally camping on public land. The CAP team then marks the camp and explains to the residents that they have 15 days to gather their belongings and vacate the premises. After 15 days any property left by the camper is forfeited and the Municipality has the right to clean the area and dispose of any waste. Following the 15 days, Community Work Service partners with the Parks and Recreation Department to clean up the camps. The Mayor has prioritized this cleanup effort and beginning June 13th, 2016 there will be an additional 10 positions dedicated to camp cleanup. It should be noted, a camp cannot be cleaned up without providing the campers 15 days to gather their belongings.
- **Can the Muni cleanup inactive camps without posting them?**
 - An abandoned camp can be cleaned without being posted. A camp is considered abandoned if there is a collapsed tent or no tent. If that is the case, the CAP team does not have to abide by the 15 day notice and can send the location of the camp to Parks and Recreation for cleanup.
- **Are camps cleaned immediately after the 15 days? Why aren't camps always cleaned the day they are able to?**
 - The CAP team can easily post dozens of camps a day. The hard part is the cleanup. Parks and Recreation completes a thorough cleanup with a limited amount of staff, meaning these cleanups are not a quick process. The Mayor has prioritized this cleanup effort and starting June 13th will have an additional 10 positions dedicated to camp cleanup. These positions will assist the Parks and Recreation department in cleaning the camps in a timely manner.
 - Due to the lack of resources and previous leadership there is currently a backlog of camps needing to be cleaned. This is why the Mayor has dedicated 10 new positions to work on prioritizing and addressing camp cleanup. These enhanced cleanup efforts are set to initiate this summer.
- **Can I help clean a camp?**
 - Although we appreciate your enthusiasm and concern, we do not want people cleaning up homeless camps. There are a lot of risks in entering a camp and we want to keep the public safe. A better alternative is to report the camps to APD so they may dispatch the CAP team.

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Notify APD of camp location through #ANCWorks.

<http://www.muni.org/anchorageworks/>



The Community Action Policing (CAP) team posts a notice to vacate the camp. Campers have 15 days to gather their belongings and vacate the premises.



CAP notifies Parks and Recreation of the posted camp. Parks and Recreation works with Community Work Service to schedule a cleanup following the 15 day notice. Beginning in June, there will be an additional 10 positions dedicated to addressing the camp cleanups increasing the efficiency of the cleanup process.