

# Fire and Environmental Protection Division Residential RVs and Stormwater



May 2019





- Homelessness in MV nearly doubled from 139 in 2013 to 276 in 2015
- Rose again to 416 homeless individuals in 2017
- Feb. 2017 approximately 150 inhabited vehicles on streets



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# Battle over RVs in Mountain View is latest sign of housing crisis



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December 2018  
290 inhabited vehicles

192 =



December 2018  
290 inhabited vehicles

89 =



December 2018  
290 inhabited vehicles

9 =



- 1 Map of Locations with Residents Living in Vehicles – no overlay.pptx















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## Dispose of Recreational Vehicle Sewage and Wastewater

Dumping sewage and/or wastewater from recreational vehicles onto streets and/or into storm drains is illegal and harmful to public health and to the environment.

The nearest RV Disposal sites are:

**Auto Mall RV & Boat Storage** • 42335 [Boscell Road](#) Fremont CA (510) 490-2200

**Trailer Villa RV Park** • 3401 East [Bayshore Road](#) Redwood City CA (650) 366-7880

**Family RV Dealership** • 19380 Monterey Road Morgan Hill, CA 95037 (408) 612-4700

**Flyers/Olympian #219** • 176 Gateway Blvd. South San Francisco, CA 94080 (650) 737-9800

**Honey Bucket California** • Mobile RV Waste Tank Pumping (800) 325-2371

**Remember that sewage and wastewater dumped on the ground or in a storm drain is a danger to public and environmental health, and pollutes our waterways!**



## VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

- Perform routine battery maintenance. Batteries should be replaced if they are damaged or no longer working properly.
- Check all 12-volt connections for short circuits.
- Periodically have all wiring connections inspected, especially in transfer switch boxes, electric panels, inverters, and generators.
- Periodically inspect back of refrigerator for smell of ammonia or yellow powder, both of which indicate cooling unit failure.
- Have RV engine compartments periodically inspected and serviced to make sure there are no rotted or loose hoses and no loose cables or wires.
- Periodically inspect and service refrigerators, furnaces, air conditioners, generators, and water heaters. Check for loose wires and blocked vents/ducts.
- Leaking fluids in the engine compartment can ignite. Check all hoses for clamp tightness and signs of leaking. Provide drip pan for any vehicle fluid leaks and promptly repair leaks.
- Tighten loose electrical connections which can produce heat and potentially start a fire.

## DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE AND WASTEWATER

- Never dispose of wastewater or sewage onto the street, curb, or gutter.
- Do not overfill wastewater or sewage tanks. Service tanks periodically to avoid spills and leaks.
- Properly dispose of all wastewater and sewage at appropriate disposal locations. There are locations on the Peninsula and mobile services are available.
- Ensure all waste-tank caps are properly installed and fit tightly.
- Provide drip pans for any leaking waste tanks and repair leaks immediately.

**Please be aware the following are violations of the Mountain View City Code and citations may be issued:**

- Discharge of wastewater or sewage to the gutter/storm drains.
- Parking in excess of 72 hours.
- Garbage dumping.



For questions, please contact us at  
650-903-6378.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT*

## **RV Safety and Vehicle Maintenance Tips**



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[mountainview.gov/fire](http://mountainview.gov/fire)

**Call 9-1-1 for Emergencies**

## Preventing Storm Drain Pollution Tips for Recreation Vehicle (RV) Owners



### How RVs affect the San Francisco Bay (Bay)

When trash and sewage are dumped into the street and storm drain inlets, they flow through the storm drain system to our local waterways, the Bay, and eventually the ocean without any cleaning or filtering. Federal, State, and local regulations prohibit discharge of anything but rain water in the storm drain.

Help protect the Bay and local creeks by following these guidelines.

#### Wastewater Tank Servicing

- **NEVER** dump wastewater/sewage into the street, gutter, or storm drain.
- Properly dispose of all wastewater/sewage at appropriate disposal locations. *See the reverse side for locations in and near Santa Clara Valley.*
- Do not overfill waste tanks. Service tanks regularly to avoid leaks.

#### Trash Disposal

- **NEVER** dump trash in the storm drain or street.
- Properly dispose of trash in a trash bag or enclosed trash can.

#### Vehicle and Equipment Leaks

- Periodically check under the engine for leaks.
- Use drip pans for any leaks from the waste tank, engine, refrigeration equipment, etc. and repair leaks immediately.
- Ensure that all caps are properly installed, closed, and fit tightly.
- Have the propane system leak-tested annually.



Only rain down the storm drain



Never dump anything in the street

### Possible Fines

The following may result in a fine and assessment of any associated cleanup costs:

- Dumping wastewater into the street, gutter, or storm drain
- Dumping trash in any area not designated for trash disposal
- Vehicle/equipment leaks/spills

Parking limitations apply in certain cities, too. Check local jurisdictions for parking limits.

More about the  
Community Services Agency  
in Mountain View:  
**ALL SERVICES ARE FREE!**

Office hours are M-F  
9 a.m.–noon & 1:30-4 p.m.  
Closed on national holidays



(650) 968-0836



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Mountain View, CA 94043



[www.csacares.org](http://www.csacares.org)

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information on free resources  
available to you for:  
food, nutrition, care,  
support and social services**



in cooperation with local non-profits  
and the City of Mountain View



**FREE SERVICES**



**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
PILOT PROGRAM  
RECREATION VEHICLE WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES**

**ISSUANCE DATE**  
June 1, 2017

**PROPOSALS DUE**  
June 15, 2017  
2:00 p.m.

**City of Mountain View  
Public Works Department  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94039**







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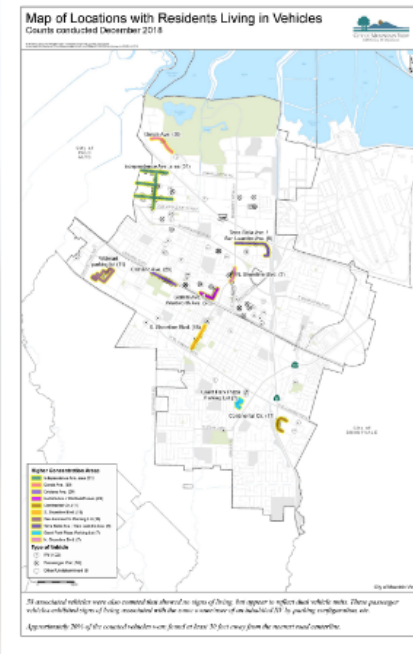
LINKS TO RESOURCES FOR HOMELESS AND NEIGHBORS

Click here to go weblinks to local and county resources for neighbors and homeless or scroll down the page.

LATEST UPDATES

The City is committed to offering balanced solutions to address this complex issue.

At the March 19, 2019 Council Meeting, the City Council directed staff to draft an Oversized Vehicle Parking Prohibition Ordinance with exceptions including vehicles parked adjacent to their residence or business (property owner, tenant, or their guest), government authorities, utilities, emergency vehicles, and disabled placard or license plate holders; and to draft a Safe Parking Ordinance, including a streamlined temporary-use-permit (TUP) for churches to allow more than 4 vehicles per lot and that includes the temporary use of Shoreline Lot B through March 2020 (when Shoreline use for Safe Parking will end) and the use of a City-negotiated lot. Allocate funding as part of the FY 2019-20 budget process to continue both enforcement and programs related to connecting those in need to services, homeless prevention and rehousing. In addition, to engage with other state and county agencies for enforcement of the RV occupancy laws and legislative tools, as well as rental of substandard...



Feedback

# Towing Leaking Vehicles...





# Parking lot solution for Mountain View's RV dwellers



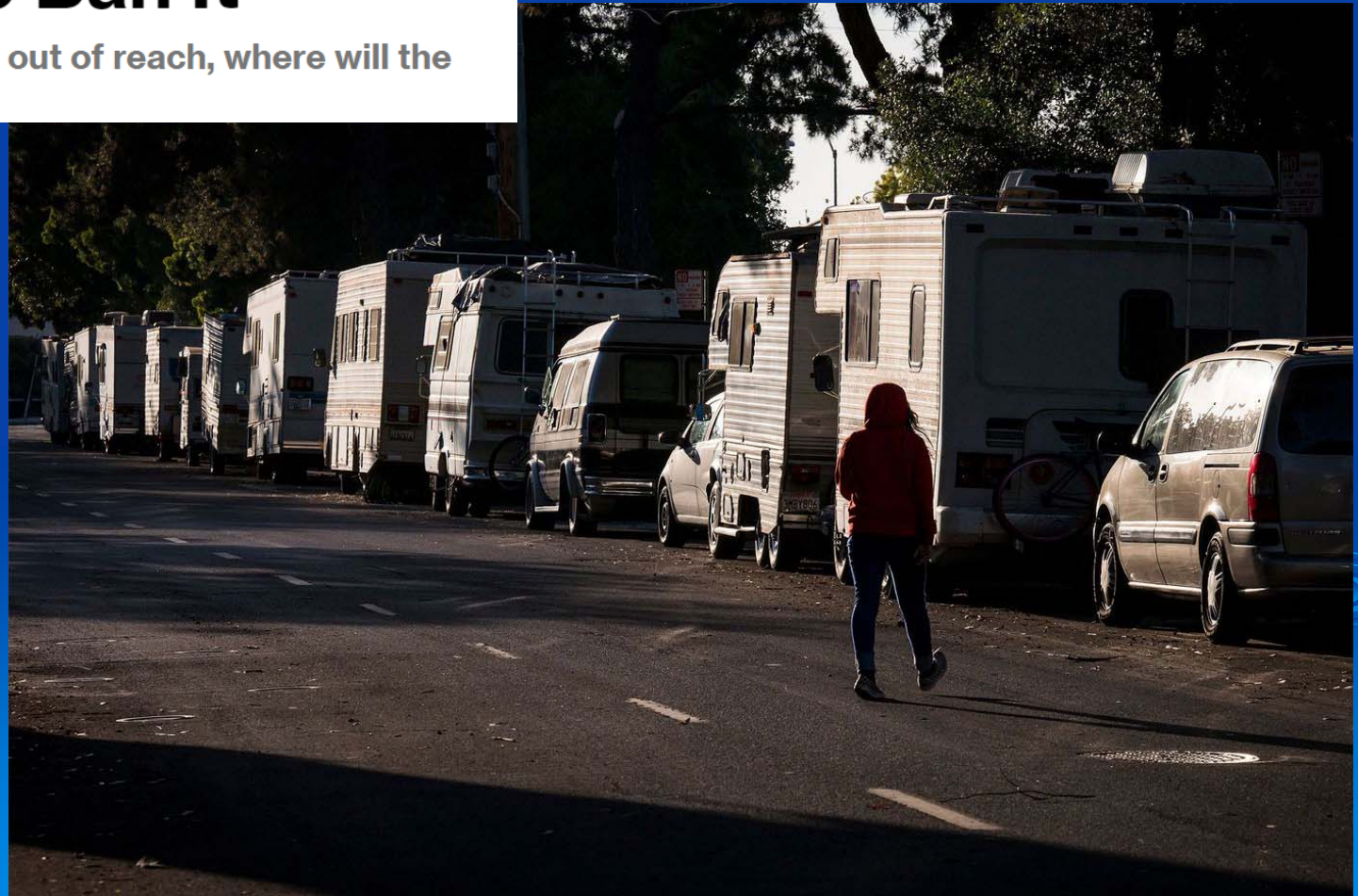
By Jesse Gary

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**MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (KTVU)** - The acute cost of Bay Area housing has led some people to live in RVs parked on the street. The lifestyle is more pronounced in Mountain View. City officials say upwards of 300 RVs are parked all over the city.

# An RV Camp Sprang Up Outside Google's Headquarters. Now Mountain View Wants to Ban It

With house prices out of reach, where will the van dwellers go?



Thank you!

Questions?

