

Frequently Asked Questions – Code Enforcement

How can I file a code complaint on property located within Guadalupe County?

You must complete a complaint form and submit to Code Enforcement at the Guadalupe County Environmental Health Department.

What is the compliance timeframe on code violations given by the Code Enforcement Officer?

Illegal Septic Discharge -	10 days
No Septic Maintenance Contract -	15 days – Not including weekends, Holidays
No OSSF/Floodplain Development Permit -	15 days – Not including weekends, Holidays
Public Nuisance -	30 days – Not including weekends, Holidays
Illegal Dumping -	15 days – If suspect is identified

If property owner is showing progress/improvements to move towards abatement, the case may be extended on a case by case basis.

What laws and rules govern Code Enforcement?

Guadalupe County On-Site Sewage Facilities Order	Amended 2009
Guadalupe County Flood Damage Prevention Order	Amended 2014
Guadalupe County Subdivision Regulations	Amended 2021
Chapter 341 – Minimum standards of Sanitation and Health	Effective 1989, Amended 2015, Amended 2013 added Section 341.019
Chapter 343 – Abatement of Public Nuisance	Effective 1989, Amended 1991, 2007, 2009, 2015
Chapter 365 – Illegal Dumping	Effective 1991, Amended 1993, 2011, 2017
Chapter 366 – On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems	Effective 1993, Amended 1997

Class C Misdemeanor – Weighs less than 5 lbs or has volume of 5 gallons or less

Class B Misdemeanor – Weigh more than 5 lbs, but less than 500 lbs, or has a volume of more than 5 gallons, but less than 100 cubic feet.

Class A Misdemeanor – Weighs 500 lbs or more, but less than 1000 lbs, or has volume of 100 cubic feet or more, but less than 200 cubic feet

State Jail Felony – Weighs 1000 lbs or more or has volume of 200 cubic feet or more

Commercial purposes can increase the punishments.