



Kitsap County Department of Human Services
Housing and Homelessness Division

<https://kcowa.us/housing>

Homeless Encampment Action, Response, and Transitions (HEART) Program

The Homeless Encampment Action, Response, and Transitions (HEART) Program is designed to ensure Kitsap County government has a consistent, coordinated, and compassionate response to unauthorized homeless encampments on County property. You can find more information at <http://kcowa.us/HEART>

Reporting an Encampment

Reporting an encampment on public property in unincorporated areas of Kitsap County

- Report an encampment on county public property by contacting **Kitsap1** at 360.337.5777 or help@kitsap1.com. This service is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed weekends and holidays).
- The report will get routed to the HEART Program to investigate and respond.
- Sometimes illegal dumping can look like an encampment. If a reported encampment is found to instead be illegal dumping, it gets routed to the Public Works Solid Waste Division to respond.

Reporting an encampment on private property

1) Countywide – Contact the Kitsap Public Health District

- To report a concern such as needles or other hazardous waste that may require a visit by a Kitsap Public Health inspector, report it online at:
https://kitsappublichealth.org/environment/report_problem.php
- To find out about options and steps to take for encampments or illegal dumping on private property, contact the Hazardous Waste Department of Kitsap Public Health at <https://kitsappublichealth.org/about/health-concern.php> or call 360-728-2235.
- Landowners are responsible for garbage and cleanup, but Kitsap Public Health may be able to help with one-time cleanup when it is the result of the closure of an encampment.

2) In Unincorporated Kitsap County – Contact the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office

- Law enforcement can help a property owner with an encampment by issuing a trespass notice to people illegally camping on private property. This can be requested by calling: 911 and reporting a “non-emergency issue.”

In City Jurisdictions – Contact Local Law Enforcement

- Contact the appropriate local police department to request that a trespass notice be issued.