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Unified Government Mowing Program + Response Plan

The Unified Government (UG) is responsible for maintaining certain public lands through mowing, landscape, trash collection, and abatement initiatives. In collaboration with the SOAR program, Unified Government staff have outlined the following protocols to address mowing complaints and increase residents' sense of safety and cleanliness within their neighborhoods.

Mowed by Parks + Rec (913) 573-8327	Mowed by Public Works (913) 573-5311	UG does not mow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks + baseball fields • Cemeteries • Medians w/ grass • Land Bank lots + adjacent ROW • Non-compliant, privately-owned lots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right-of-way (ROW) of county-owned properties • Sight triangle issue areas • Alley of county-owned properties • Overgrowth hanging onto roadways • Guardrails • Certain maintenance hazard locations • KDOT ROW by agreement • Remaining highway ROW is mowed by KDOT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privately-owned lots • Right-of-way areas adjacent to private property

When a citizen notices that space is not being cared for, they may contact Parks + Rec, Public Works, or Code Enforcement (x8600). There are separate processes for private vs. public spaces:

Public	Private
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UG staff will verify that they own this land and that it is not right-of-way space adjacent to private property. 2. Staff will refer this space to Parks and Recreation/Abatement staff to visit the property and verify its condition. 3. UG staff will complete a mowing visit or clean up. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UG staff will verify the parcel/land is privately owned. 2. Codes Enforcement will visit the property and notify the owner that the property is in disrepair (proper notification can take up to 3 weeks). 3. If not remedied by the owner, Codes will refer this property to the Abatement team. They will complete a mowing visit, clean up session, or other necessary action. 4. The property owner will receive a bill.

Mowing/Clean up visits can be delayed by:	Mowing quick facts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy trash or debris on-site • Poor weather conditions • High number of site visit requests • Length of time needed to cite owners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~3k vacant lots mowed by Parks Dept in '21 • 2 rounds of weed spraying on vacant lots/yearly • \$150 (min) bill for City to abate overgrown, private lot