

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT BEHAVIORS

How do you know the difference between inconsiderate and unlawful activities? How do we serve those in need while making sure Fort Collins is a safe place to live, work, and play for everyone? Here's a quick guide to city ordinances and social services.

DRUGS ALCOHOL



Open containers of alcohol are prohibited in public places, including alleys, streets, sidewalks, vehicles, bicycles, tricycles & unicycles.

Smoking is prohibited on all City-owned property & in the Downtown Smoke-Free Zone (unless you're in an enclosed vehicle or private residence, which is okay).



Marijuana may not be consumed or displayed openly or publicly. Doesn't matter if it's for medicinal purposes. If there's public tokin', the law's been broken.



OUTREACH
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S R O I V A I O R S B E H A V I O R S I L L E G A L

Panhandling itself is not illegal. However, disruptive behaviors associated with panhandling are unlawful. This can include:



- Touching, grabbing & physical contact
- Obstructing a path or impeding travel
- Intimidating, threatening, coercive, or obscene behavior

All **pet animals**, except birds, must be restrained unless otherwise designated (no joke, the ordinance really exempts fowl)



Disorderly conduct is not okay. This can include offensive speech, gestures & public displays intended to disturb the peace; fighting; & publicly displaying weapons with the intent to freak people out.



No person shall **disturb the peace** of others with behavior that is violent, tumultous, offensive, disorderly, or obstreperous (that's legalese for unmanageably noisy and out of control).

Harassment is not acceptable & can include...

- Obscene language or gestures directed at a person
- Initiating threatening or obscene communication
- Repetitive communication at inconvenient hours
- Repetitive phone calls with no legit purpose
- Repeated insults, taunts, or challenges
- Following a person in a public place
- Unwanted physical contact



SANITARY RISKS

In addition to making the Earth sad, **littering** is also prohibited on public property. It's illegal to litter anywhere if materials could blow into public spaces, so confetti parties should be indoor-only affairs.



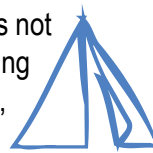
Bodily waste. Yes, everybody makes it sometimes, but it's a private ordeal that needs to stay in a designated receptacle. This includes excrement, vomit, spit, or any other form of human waste.

It's generally not okay to **swim, bathe or wash dishes** in pools, fountains, or other manmade bodies of water. (Unless you're a duck. Then swimming is okay, but dish washing is still out.)



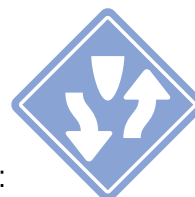
No person may **trespass** on private property or public property from which they've been legally banned.

Camping on public property is not allowed. This may include spending the night, setting up a homestead, or crashing temporarily to conduct domestic activities (like letting your pet duck wash his dishes - see sanitary risks).



Obstructing a highway or passageway is illegal. This includes streets, sidewalks, railways, waterways, elevators, aisles, stairs & sitting/lying within 20 feet of business entrances (during open hours).

Why did the chicken cross the road? Not to hang out on the **median**. It's unsafe & unlawful to stand on medians for longer than it takes to safely cross the road. The proverbial hen had it right: just get to the other side.



PROHIBITED PLACES

FORT COLLINS COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Name	Address	Phone	Services
Outreach Fort Collins	info@outreachfortcollins.com Now serving the Downtown area	970.658.0088	Tuesday–Saturday, 9am–5pm Reasons to call Outreach Fort Collins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Someone is impaired by drugs or alcohol but does not pose a threat to themselves or others • Someone is experiencing a mental health crisis • Disruptive behaviors (not necessarily illegal) • To learn more about resources for homeless or vulnerable populations
Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope (Murphy Center)	242 Conifer Street	970.494.9940	Mail, showers, day shelter, crisis support, housing assistance, job support, mental health & substance abuse counseling, take-away meals, laundry, veteran services, pet food & vaccinations, gear & more
Catholic Charities	460 Linden Center Drive	970.484.5010	Lunch, overnight shelter (patrons must pass a breathalyzer test to stay)
Ft. Collins Rescue Mission	316 Jefferson Street	970.224.4302	Overnight shelter, breakfast, dinner
FOCO Cafe	225 Maple Street	309.368.1659	Lunch 11am–2pm, pay what you can
Food Bank	1301 Blue Spruce Drive	970.493.4477	Groceries available M–F, 1pm–6pm
Mary's Closet (St. Joseph's Church)	101 N. Howes Street	970.484.6755	Clothing available Tues/Wed/Thurs 9am–1:45pm
Homeless Gear Night Outreach		970.682.3193	Sun/Tues/Thurs 7pm–10pm. Ends at 9:45 at Catholic Charities
Downtown Ambassadors	19 Old Town Square, Ste 137		Tourism & safety information for downtown visitors
Community Crisis Clinic	1217 Riverside Drive	970.494.4200	24/7 Mental health or substance use crisis