
Gross Filth Properties Fact Sheet

Gross filth properties are residences, businesses, or other areas include, but are not limited to being full of trash, newspapers, old clothes, cans, food, food wrappers, human feces, rodents and their droppings, urine, live and dead animals, etc.

Gross filth properties present three obvious health risks:

Human feces: risk of bloodborne pathogens and hepatitis A. Someone living in these conditions usually do not have good personal hygiene habits.

Hantavirus: refer to section on Airborne Pathogens and Animal Related Diseases.

Sharp Objects: gross filth properties are often associated with someone with major medical problems or drug use. This increases the risk of the presence of hypodermic needles, broken glass, sharp metal objects, etc.

These properties pose serious health hazards to those living in them, working around them and the future tenants. Imagine if you were the next tenant to move into one of these properties. Wouldn't you want to know it had been properly decontaminated?

Gross filth can be found in addition to hoarding or as a separate issue by itself. Gross filth results from the neglect of everyday cleaning that most people perform. People that live in these conditions often develop illnesses as a result of their unhealthy home, which typically are in the form of respiratory illnesses. Once the homes are properly cleaned and disinfected, the resident will usually find themselves feeling much healthier. The air quality in these homes is usually full of airborne germs and bacteria. Toilets are often found to be nonfunctional and full of biohazardous waste and in extreme cases the bathtubs will be used as toilets. These types of homes need to be properly cleaned by a company that knows how to properly disinfect the areas to make the home safe once again for re-occupancy. We will inspect the property for free and provide you with a scope of work and cost breakdown.

Most animal hoarders have only love and the best intentions for their animals. Most animal hoarders are isolated from the outside world and find comfort in having their pets surrounding them. Animals are non judgmental and will love their owners unconditionally. The problem begins when the number of animals overwhelms the resident and the animals take control of the home. Litter boxes are usually found overflowing with waste and the smell of urine is usually overpowering. Typically, animal hoarders know that they can't take care of the animals anymore but fear losing them so fail to properly deal with the situation. Animal hoarders will rarely have their pets spayed or neutered which only makes the problem grow. Animal hoarders will generally only deal with the problem when forced to by code enforcement officers and City or County intervention.