



City of Brooklyn Center

Building & Community Standards

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Dear Neighbor:

The wave of home mortgage foreclosures across the country has increased the number of vacant properties in our community. Since February 2009, buildings vacant for more than 30 days must be registered, have a property maintenance inspection, and provide a plan for the property to the City. Vacant properties present an opportunity to attract new homeowners to Brooklyn Center. However, preventing vandalism and disrepair is crucial in helping the transition of these homes to re-occupancy.

VacantWatch is a program the City of Brooklyn Center and its residents have established in order to maintain the safety and appearance of vacant properties **through interactive monitoring and communications**. As a neighbor of an identified vacant property, your eyes and ears are valuable sources of information. We encourage you to participate in the VacantWatch program by taking the following steps:

Well-maintained houses in well-maintained neighborhoods sell faster and attract more responsible homeowners.



CONTACT THE CITY IF A PROPERTY NEAR YOU BECOMES VACANT.

Phone: **763-569-3473**

Online: eCitizen Center at www.cityofbrooklyncenter.org



CONTACT THE CITY IF A VACANT PROPERTY NEAR YOU BECOMES RE-OCCUPIED OR IF YOU NOTICE ACTIVITY .

(I.E. sale or construction work, etc.)

Phone: **763-559-3473**

Online: eCitizen Center at www.cityofbrooklyncenter.org



CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES OR UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS.

Phone: **911**



CONTACT THE BUILDING & COMMUNITY STANDARDS DEPARTMENT/CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO REPORT OTHER NUISANCES.

(I.E. unsecured buildings, tall grass, garbage, water leaks, etc.)

Phone: **763-569-3473**

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Thank you for keeping Brooklyn Center a great place to live!

Please visit the city's website for more information at www.cityofbrooklyncenter.org.

Issues that don't threaten health or life safety may not be correctable immediately due to legal requirements. However, in certain cases (i.e. unsecured structure, trash, junk), if the responsible parties do not correct the violations, the City will take the necessary actions to do so.