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## Boarded Buildings

**Buildings may be boarded for 60 days.**

City ordinance allows any building to be boarded for 60 days without penalty. After 60 days, if the owner has not removed the boards or taken out a permit to rehab the building, the building may be placed on the Chapter 249 list.

**Buildings on the Chapter 249 list need special inspections.**

A building on the Chapter 249 list requires a [code compliance inspection](#) before any rehab work can begin. In addition, buildings on the Chapter 249 list are subject to teardown by Inspections as a nuisance condition. A proposal to demolish a building must be approved by the City Council.

**You may call to report a building or check the status of a building.**

If you see a boarded building that is open to trespass or would like to find out the status of a particular building, call (612) 673-5844.

**You may get a list of buildings now on the Chapter 249 list.**

The Chapter 249 list is available online. To receive a copy of the Chapter 249 list by mail, send a check or money order for \$5.00 to Housing Inspections, ATTN: Boarded Buildings, 250 S 4th St, Room 300, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1339. Be sure to include the name and address you want the list sent to. You

may also purchase a copy of the list by visiting the office in person.

For more information, call Inspections at (612) 673-5844.

## Why do buildings get boarded up? [TOP](#)

Buildings are boarded to keep them secure. The most common reasons for boarding up a building are

### **Vacant & Open to Trespass**

A vacant building that is not secure is a danger to the neighborhood because it invites squatters, can be a fire hazard, and is a danger to children. Boards help prevent these hazards.

### **Owner choice**

Owner is not choosing to occupy the building at the moment, and chooses to use boards to keep it secure.

### **Police**

Police board-ups are generally done when there has been a raid on a property and the building is now vacant, or if the police have observed unsafe activities in a vacant building. This keeps the building secure.

For financial assistance for fixing up your building, check with your neighborhood association, or try [MCDA CityLiving](#).

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