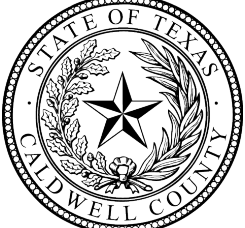


The Difference Between Caldwell County Code Enforcement and Environmental Enforcement



Caldwell County uses two different enforcement divisions that focus on different types of issues.

While they work together, each one handles its own set of responsibilities.

1. Code Enforcement (Construction & Development Rules)

Code Enforcement ensures that homes, businesses, and properties follow the County's construction, building, development, and permitting rules. These rules are called County Ordinances, and they help keep growth safe, organized, and up to standard.

Code Enforcement mainly handles:

- Residential & Commercial Permits:
 - Making sure new homes, mobile homes, additions, and businesses follow county standards and have proper permits.
- Driveway Permits:
 - Ensuring new driveways meet safety requirements and do not damage county roads or ditches.
- Right-of-Way Compliance:
 - Preventing people from blocking, building on, or damaging county right-of-way areas.
- On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF):
 - Checking septic system installations and repairs to ensure they are safe and permitted.
- Alterations in the Floodplain:
 - Making sure any construction or land work in a floodplain is properly permitted and does not increase flooding risks.
- General Construction Permits:
 - Anything involving building or altering structures that requires county approval.

In simple terms: Code Enforcement deals with construction, development, building rules, and required permits.

2. Environmental Enforcement (Health, Safety & Nuisances)

Environmental Enforcement handles things that affect the community's health, cleanliness, and safety. They enforce State Laws and the County Ordinances.

Environmental Enforcement mainly handles:

- Public Nuisance Violations:
 - Issues like excessive trash, illegal dumping, unsafe property conditions.
- Texas Health & Safety Code:
 - Issues like improper waste disposal, unsanitary conditions, or environmental hazards.
- Texas Water Code:
 - Issues like Illegal dumping into creeks, contamination concerns, or wastewater issues.
- Texas Administrative Code:
 - Issues regarding State regulations tied to environmental compliance.
- Texas Transportation Code:
 - Issues like Junk & Abandoned Vehicles, Vehicles that are wrecked, inoperable, or improperly stored on property.

In simple terms: Environmental Enforcement focuses on health, safety, pollution, and nuisance problems.

Easy Way to Remember the Difference:

Code Enforcement = "What You Build"

"Driveways, homes, businesses, septic systems, floodplain work, and construction rules."

Environmental Enforcement = "How You Take Care of Your Property"

"Trash, junk vehicles, illegal dumping, nuisances, and environmental hazards."

Why It Matters to Residents?

Each department focuses on a different type of problem, which helps the county respond faster and send the right officer.

-If it's about permits, building, construction, or development, call **Code Enforcement**.

-If it's about trash, nuisance conditions, dumping, or pollution, call **Environmental Enforcement**.

Precinct 1

Environmental Deputy
405 E. Market Suite A
Lockhart, TX 78644
Phone: (512) 359-4709

Precinct 2

Environmental Deputy
505 E. Fannin
Luling, TX 78648
Phone: (512) 359-4681

Code Enforcement Dept.

Code Enforcement Investigator
405 E. Market Suite A
Lockhart, TX 78644
Office: (512) 398-1836
Phone: (512) 359-4362

Development Services Dept.

County Planner (Subdivision/
Development/ Code Enforcement)
405 E. Market Suite A
Lockhart, TX 78644
Office: (512) 359-4624

GIS-911 Rural Addressing Dept.

Director of 911 Addressing
405 E. Market Suite A
Lockhart, TX 78644
Phone: (512) 359-4661

Precinct 3

Environmental Deputy
9675 State Highway 142
(PO Box 145)
Maxwell, TX 78656
Phone: (512) 359-4721

Precinct 4

Environmental Deputy
2990 FM 1185
Lockhart, TX 78644
Phone: (512) 359-4698

Sanitations/Permit Dept.

Director of Sanitation
1700 FM 2720
Lockhart, TX 78644
Phone: (512) 398-1803
Cellular: (512) 667-1680

Unit Road Dept.

Administrator
1700 FM 2720
Lockhart, TX 78644
Phone: (512) 398-7269
Cellular: (512) 738-2253

