There is nothing more devastating to a neighborhood than an abandoned home. It attracts curious children, homeless people and can be the target of graffiti, arson and drug crimes. In the city, leaving a house unsecured from entry for more than 30 days is a Public Nuisance and the Code Enforcement Division can have the house demolished or secured depending on the integrity of the building.

Vacant and Boarded Homes, Mobile Homes or other Buildings
City Code Sec. 18-1400 — Boarded Structures
As an owner or manager of a vacant building, the code requires you to ensure the structure is secured against unauthorized entry—the doors and windows must be intact and locked. If a door or window is broken, you must either replace that door or window or board the opening according to the Boarded Structure regulations.

- A single piece of boarding material must cover the entire opening
- The board must be attached with wood screws that are NOT Phillips or slot-head
- The opening may not be boarded for more than 180 days
- After 180 days you must remove the board and replace the window or door with a tight fitting window or door
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Code Enforcement Division
2825 3rd Ave. N., 4th Floor
Billings, MT 59101 * 237-6146

Code Enforcement II:
Chris Simpson (SimpsonC@billingsmt.gov)

City Website (City Code On-Line):
https://billingsmt.gov

Other Important Phone Numbers

City Complaint Line 657-8267
Neighborhood Improvement Programs 657-8281
Animal Shelter 657-8226
Solid Waste 657-8260
County Code Enforcement 652-2050