

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



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Recyclables: The Law – Unlawful Collection

The unauthorized collection and/or transportation of waste and recyclable materials in the City of Covina has become an increasing concern for the quality of life of our citizens. Many Covina residents are frustrated with the people they see arriving in front of their homes on trash collection day to raid their waste containers. There are concerns of identity theft, fraud, and forgery due to the items that may be found in a waste container, but what can be done?

Contrary to popular belief, trash and recyclable materials placed at the curb for collection are not discarded public property. In fact, those materials are the property of the



City of Covina and their unauthorized removal is a theft from the City.

Covina Municipal Code section 8.08.090A states that "No person shall engage in the business of collection, transportation, processing or disposal of refuse, green waste, or recyclables in the city from any premises..." This also means that no private resident may give permission (or "sub-

contract") to any third party to collect waste and recyclable materials without written authorization from the City Council. That includes leaving a separate trash or shopping bag with recyclables on the side of your residence for a third party to collect. You may however, collect your

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What is Your Security Quotient?

The following test will help you evaluate your "Security Quotient", the degree to which you have reduced a criminal's opportunity to gain access to your home. Naturally, we expect a score of 100% and we do hope this questionnaire will serve

as a guide for you to make your home and your neighborhood a safer place to live. Put a check mark next to each question you answer yes to:

1) I have trimmed all shrubbery that would conceal entrances to my

house

2) My house number is clearly marked on my residence and illuminated by my entrance light for quick recognition by emergency personnel.

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own recyclable materials and claim them at a licensed recyclable center for your financial benefit, as you were the original purchaser of the item(s).

The aforementioned Municipal Section is in accordance with state legislation enacted through AB 939 and SB 1016 which regulate the collection and processing of waste and recyclable materials through the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB). The City of Covina is mandated to comply with this legislation and divert a percentage of its solid waste materials with an annual written report of the tonnage collected to the State. Failure to comply will result in monetary fines against the City.

How do you protect yourself?

- Shred important documents
- Notify police if you see an unauthorized waste collector in your neighborhood
- Provide a description of that person and their transportation (if any) when safe and practical
- Maintain a line of sight or provide a last known direction of that person in order for responding officers to locate them quickly

Your Security Quotient (Continued)

3) The exterior doors to my home are constructed of solid wood or metal and have strike plates and hinges installed with 3-inch screws.

4) I leave exterior lights ON, front and back, during the hours of darkness, whether I am home or not.

5) I have deadbolt locks or other recommended secure locks on all exterior doors, and I use them!

6) All windows in my home are locked (not just latched) while I am away, especially basement windows.

7) When I leave my home unoccupied, I leave a radio on and lights on timers. In other words, my home has that lived-in look while I am gone.

8) I keep shed or garage doors securely locked when I'm gone.

9) When I'm away overnight or longer, I alert neighbors to watch my house and ask a trusted neighbor or friend to pick up mail, change lights, mow lawn, etc.

10) I secure ladders and never leave them outside where a burglar could use it to help gain entry through an upstairs window or fire escape.

Give yourself 10 points for each point checked

0 - 50: attention is necessary

50 - 70: consider improvements

70 - 90: you're doing a good job

90 - 100: excellent, way to go!

Package Theft

Many of us shop online. Unfortunately, package deliveries left on front porches are inviting to thieves looking for an easy score. Thefts of packages from front porches and mailboxes are increasing.

You can help protect your purchases by:

- Asking neighbors who are home during the day to keep an eye out for deliveries.

- Learn what security services are available from your chosen courier.

- Consider insuring items to be mailed.

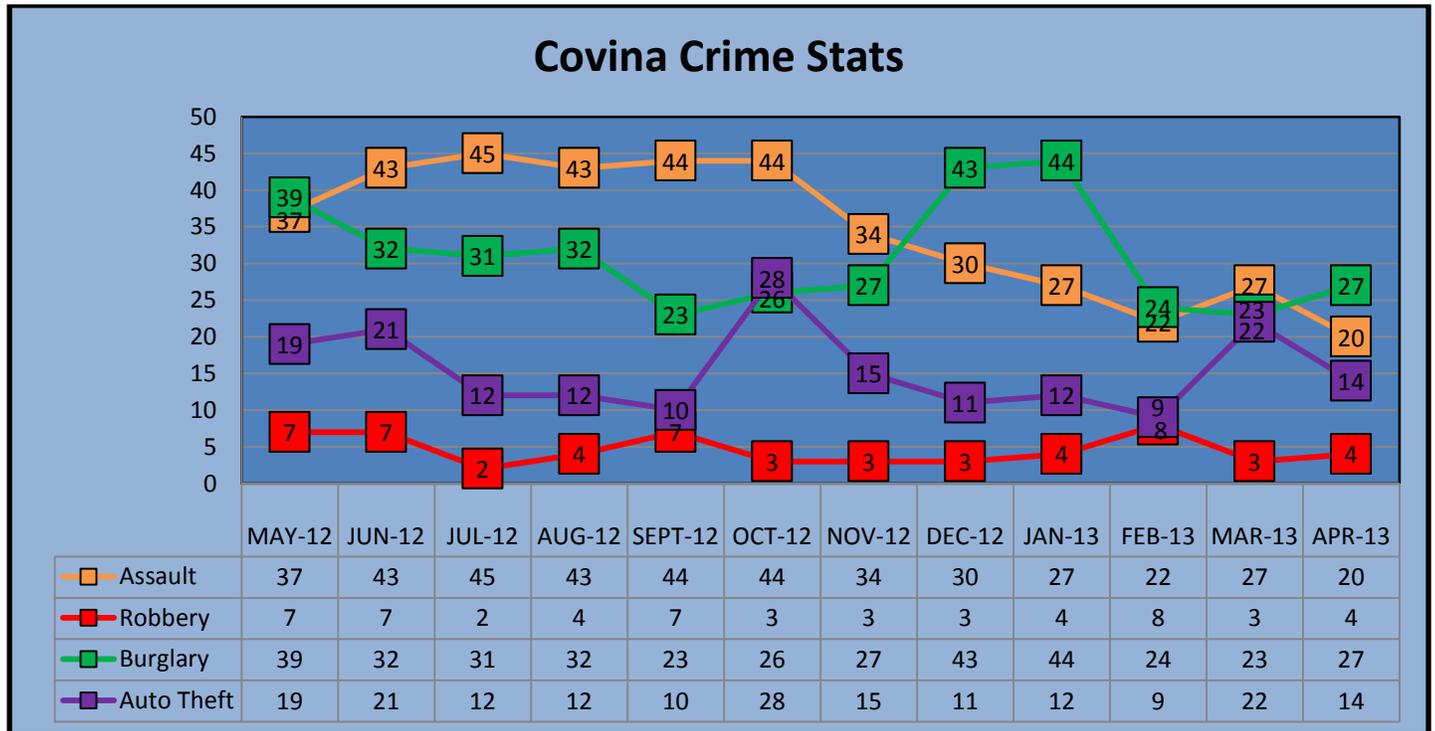
- Report suspicious persons in your neighborhood.

- Consider having packages sent to your place of employment, if allowed.

- Contact package recipients and tell them when to expect delivery.

- Consider sending packages that require a signature upon receipt.

Covina Police Crime Statistics – April 2013



Click the link below to see the crime map

<http://covinaca.gov/crime-information/crimereports.com>

Violent Crimes -38%

- Homicide, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault & Robbery

Property Crime -19%

- Burglary, Auto Theft, Larceny & Arson

Calls for Service -5%



Percentages shown are increase or decrease from the previous year to date.