

IS THERE A SQUATTER IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Some Signs to Watch For

- * Someone moved into a vacant home and you saw no moving trucks
- * You see numerous jugs/buckets of water coming into the home (*squatters rarely have running water*)
- * The home still has the “For Sale” or “For Rent” sign posted, or you see the new resident taking it down (*signs are usually removed by the owner or realty company*)
- * You see candlelight or small fires inside the home or in the backyard (*many squatters have no utilities, including heat or electricity*)
- * Trash is piling up in the yard and around the house (*squatters commonly do not have trash service*)

What You Can Do to Prevent Squatters

- *Identify the vacant house(s) on your street
- *Write down the contact information for the owner or realtor when the “For Sale” or “For Rent” sign is posted
- *Let your neighbors know about the vacant house and share the owner/realtor contact information
- *Call the owner/realtor if you see anyone move into the house - to confirm they are supposed to be there
- *If you see any trespassers or burglars, call the Sheriff’s Station
- *Provide the owner/realtor contact information to any Deputies that respond (the signs are often removed by the squatters and responding deputies do not always know the legal owner or property manager information)

If you suspect someone is squatting in your neighborhood, please report it. Many vacant homes are bank-owned and not regularly monitored.

Palmdale Sheriff's Station (661) 272-2400

City of Palmdale - Neighborhood Compliance (661) 267-5234

You can also provide an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers

Call: (800) 222-TIP

Online: www.lacrimestoppers.org