

Pottsville is a Blight Fighting Community

We are working very hard to protect your investment and maintain a good quality of life for all of our residents. We ask for your cooperation in this effort.

Working together we can make a difference. Property owners, neighbors, Code Officers, Police Officers, the Fire Department and Animal and Health Officers can identify problems and attack blight before it spreads.

If you are aware of a problem property, please call City Hall any time 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Monday-Friday or contact us by email at fightblight@city.pottsville.pa.us

More information can be found at:
www.city.pottsville.pa.us



City of Pottsville

“FIGHT ON BLIGHT”



“A city is not gauged by its length and width, but by the broadness of its vision and the height of its dreams.”

~[Herb Caen](#)

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What is Blight?

"WITHOUT A PLAN, THERE'S NO ATTACK.
WITHOUT ATTACK, NO VICTORY."

CURTIS ARMSTRONG

Lifehack Quotes

Blight is a condition that poses a threat to the health, safety and general welfare of a neighborhood. It can be easy to spot in things like broken doors and windows, a porch that is falling down, high weeds, trash, and litter. In some cases it may be harder to see, with a building that has interior water damage, has no utilities, or has been vandalized. The reasons for blight may vary, but one thing is certain, blight is a serious problem:

- It decreases property values
- Discourages community investment
- Reduces the quality of life in our city

BLIGHT PROCESS:

Step 1: Building Identification

-Properties are identified by City Officials, Neighbors, and in some cases local or state agencies

Step 2: Assessment

-Each property is visited by members of the Blight Task Force. A rating sheet is completed assigning a numerical value to a variety of categories that show how this particular building affects the community.

Step 3: Corrective Measures

-The Blight Task Force will create a strategy for each property. This strategy may include one or more of our "blight fighting tools"



BLIGHT FIGHTING TOOLS:

- *Quality of Life Tickets/Citations* can be issued for a variety of day to day maintenance issues that can disrupt a neighborhood. A few examples of items that a QOL ticket can be issued for are:

-Accumulation of trash inside or outside of a property

-Littering on public or private property or by private advertising matter

-Failing to cut grass, weeds, allowing water to cause a problem, or failure to shovel snow off sidewalks

For a complete list, please visit The City of Pottsville's website and view the City Code.

- *The Nuisance Property Ordinance* can also be used to respond to more serious problems:

-Three or more violations of criminal statutes of the Commonwealth of PA and/or the ordinances of the City of Pottsville

-Three or more violations of the City Code relating to property maintenance or zoning

-A combination of three offenses from any of the above categories arising out of separate and distinct facts and circumstances

- *Demolitions*
- *Property Exchange Initiative*
- *Blighted & Abandoned Property Conservatorship Law*

-Conservatorship allows a municipality, nonprofit org., to initiate a court action, appointing a third party, to rehabilitate the building or abate a problem when the owner refuses or is unavailable to take care of the property

- *Permit Denial*

-This allows the City to deny a variety of permits to persons who own blighted and/or neglected properties in the City