

The City has identified several areas across the city that are available as sleeping areas:

- **City Hall front plaza** (Madison Avenue side) between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- **City parks** including overnight hours when the park is closed to other users.

Some additional locational restrictions and guidance are described below:



1 Sleep sites are not permitted on ballfields, trails, sidewalks, picnic tables, benches, playgrounds, or inside restrooms. Good locations include mowed grass areas that are not part of a sports field.

2 Sleeping is not allowed on parking lots, sidewalks, or other city rights-of-way. Sleeping cannot block access to building entrances or exits, including stairs.

3 Sleeping is not allowed near rivers, waterways, flood plains, and environmentally sensitive areas (wooded areas, riparian zones, wetlands, and other protected natural areas). Sleeping is not permitted in parks that are classified as Natural Areas.

4 Sleep sites must be at least 20 feet away from the trunk of a tree. Belongings cannot be affixed to a tree, hung in the branches, or affixed to infrastructure such as fences or railings.

5 No smoking, vaping, drug use, or other illegal activity is allowed in City park property. Loud noise is prohibited from 10 p.m. - 6:30 a.m.

6 At the conclusion of sleeping, visitors must remove all belongings and return the sleeping area to its original state so that it can be shared by all members of the community.

More comprehensive guidance is available at www.corvallisoregon.gov/sleeping.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between camping and sleeping?

Sleeping, sitting, laying down, and staying warm and dry outdoors can have a similar appearance at times to camping due to the use of a tent, tarp or similar weather protection. The primary difference is the length of time that the activity occurs. *Martin v. Boise* protected sleeping allows the use of the government property during the period when an individual needs to sleep, similar to an overnight shelter.

Camping is a longer term, 24-hour-a-day activity that includes both sleeping and non-sleeping activity, similar to a shelter operating 24 hours per day.



What about sleeping on privately owned property?

Sleeping on privately owned property without the owner's permission is considered trespassing. Non-residential property owners can apply for a City permit to grant permission for sleeping on their properties. For more information on this permit, please visit www.corvallisoregon.gov/sleeping or call 541-766-6929.

Balancing Public Safety

The City reserves the right to temporarily or permanently suspend any designated sleeping area that is becoming a nuisance or where there is damage to public property. If an area is suspended, the City will post a notice with more information on the suspension.

People experiencing houselessness will still be able to sleep in any other designated areas that are not suspended at the time.

More Information

Program Guidelines & Resources

www.corvallisoregon.gov/sleeping

Contact the City of Corvallis

541-766-6901

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Sleeping Area Program

When shelter beds are not available in Corvallis and Benton County, people experiencing houselessness may sleep outdoors on designated public property. This allowance is protected in accordance with the 9th Circuit Court decision in the *Martin v. Boise* case and ORS 195.530.

This brochure provides information about several areas throughout the city that are available for outdoor sleeping in accordance with ORS 195.530 and offers guidance to help anyone in the community make use of this program in a way that is safe and lawful.

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