



# Town of Youngtown

## Trespass Information Sheet

This form allows Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in cooperation with The Town of Youngtown to have on file for the owner of private property for purposes of enforcing laws against any person(s) found on the property without the owner's consent or without lawful purpose. This is an extremely useful tool and is strongly recommended for vacant properties, vacant lots, businesses or any properties upon which public nuisance activity and/or crime problems, including transient activity, drug activity, prostitution, graffiti or general trespass are occurring. The problem arises when the deputies are called and cannot locate a responsible party for the trespasser as required by law A.R.S. 13-1502-A1. In this situation the officer can complete an interview card and proceed with the necessary action.

**In conjunction with this form, the property must be posted with signs as shown below.**

A citation or an arrest can occur, when an authority to arrest form has been completed and bilingual no trespassing signs (pictured below) have been installed at all reasonable entrances to the property and in various other locations throughout the property. This strategy is to be used for aggravated circumstances only and is by no means to be considered a cure-all for every problem.

1. The signs should measure at least 18 inches by 24 inches, and be made of metal.
2. The signs must be bilingual in both English and Spanish.
3. These signs are available at most realty sign stores and must have the Arizona Revised Statute 13-1502.A.1 for "no trespassing" and state "private property."
4. Owner or responsible party must install signs at all common or reasonable entrances to the property.
5. It is recommended that all signs be installed with permanent screws to prevent easy removal, and placed high enough from ground level to discourage removal or graffiti.
6. The authority form must be on file with Code Enforcement at the Town of Youngtown. The Code Enforcement Division will provide the information to Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.
7. Please retain a copy of the signed form for your files and return original to Youngtown Code Enforcement.

**This agreement must be renewed annually to continue with enforcement.**

**Again, please remember that the "authority to arrest" form should only be used during non-operational business hours, when a property owner or their lawful representative cannot be contacted.**

