

City of Oceanside Homeless Resources - Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Are there shelters in Oceanside and North County?** There are emergency shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing and seasonal shelters available in North County. The City of Oceanside participates in the [Alliance for Regional Solutions](#) which coordinates the [North County Bridge Housing Network](#). To check the availability of housing, please dial 2-1-1 for [211 San Diego](#) within the North County area; however the year-round shelters are for limited populations, such as victims of domestic violence or families with children. There are no year-round shelters in Oceanside for the general homeless population.
- 2. Are there any free or low-cost health clinics?** Yes, [Vista Community Clinic](#) (VCC) has three locations in Oceanside. These locations are: Pier View VCC located at 818 Pier View Way, Oceanside, CA. 92054; Horne VCC located at 517 N. Horne St., Oceanside, CA 92054; and North River Road VCC located at 4700 N. River Rd. Suite B, Oceanside Ca 92057. VCC is committed to serving all persons including those uninsured, low-income and medically under-served persons/patients. The central phone number for all three locations is (844) 308-5003. [North County Health Services](#) (NCHS) has three locations in Oceanside. These locations are: NCHS Mesa Mission at 2210 Mesa Dr., Oceanside, CA 92054; NCHS Oceanside (Loma Alta) at 605 Crough St., Oceanside, CA 92058; and NCHS La Mission Family Health Center at 3220 Mission Ave Suite #1, Oceanside, CA 92058. NCHS is committed to serving low-income, uninsured and under insured persons or patients. The central phone number for all locations is (760) 736-6767.
- 3. Is panhandling legal in the City of Oceanside?** Yes, it is legal, except under certain conditions and circumstances. Panhandling or solicitation is not permitted within 500 feet of a freeway on or off ramp or where an individual 1) stands in the roadway, or on a median in the middle of the roadway, in a manner so as to obstruct the safe and efficient flow of traffic; 2) seeks a hand-to-hand exchange from vehicles that are in the traveling lanes of a roadway; 3) panhandles through the use of aggressive behavior or acts.
- 4. Is there any central location to access different community services?** Yes. [211 San Diego](#) is a resource and information hub that connects people with community, health and disaster services through a free, 24/7 confidential phone service (dial 2-1-1) and searchable online database. 2-1-1 serves the entire County. There are several organizations that provide services in Oceanside including North County Lifeline (760-757-0118) and Interfaith Community Services (760-721-2117). There are other different resources available on our [Resources page](#).
- 5. Is drinking alcohol allowed in local parks?** Alcohol is generally prohibited in city parks.
- 6. What other activities are prohibited in City parks?** Local parks have posted areas of operation, and being in the park after posted times is trespassing. Smoking, camping, overnight activities, open fires and loitering for unlawful purposes are also prohibited.