

Fine Schedule for Air Quality, Solid Hazardous Waste Materials, Vector Control, and Water Quality

The minimum fine amount for any level of violation is \$150. Maximum fines are listed in the table below. The level of enforcement may vary depending on the nature of the violation, the duration of non-compliance, the history of non-compliance, the number of rule violations, and other applicable factors.

Rules and regulations as well as additional information relating to these programs can be found on the [Department's website](#).

Program	Violation Code	Description	Minimum Fine per violation per day ¹	Maximum Fine per violation per day ²
Air Quality	4-10(a)-(b)	Unlawful nuisance, emission of odorous air contaminants	\$500	\$2000
Air Quality	4-23(a)	Unlawful emission from stationary sources; greater than 20% opacity. Engage in open burning without permit	\$250	\$2000
Air Quality	4-24(b)	Burn materials in an unapproved incinerator	\$250	\$2000
Air Quality	4-24(c)(1)	Operate a solid fuel-fired device (fireplace or woodstove) during a high-pollution day	\$250	\$2000
Air Quality	4-24(c)(2)	Sell, install, or offer to install an unapproved solid-fuel-fired device	\$250	\$2000
Air Quality	4-24(c)(4)	Burn prohibits fuels in a solid-fuel-fired device	\$250	\$2000
Air Quality	4-43(a)	Allow a vehicle to idle for more than five (5) minutes in any one-hour period	\$150	\$2000
Air Quality	4-9(b)	Violation of an order	\$500	\$2000
Air Quality	4-25(a)	Allow or cause fugitive particulate emissions	\$500	\$2000
Solid Hazardous Wastes Materials	48-43	Improper accumulation and storage; abatement	\$150	\$5000
Solid Hazardous Wastes Materials	24-24(c)	Any person who fails to comply with any violation notice, order, rule or regulation...	\$150	\$5000
Solid Hazardous Wastes Materials	37-53(b)	Mandatory minimum fines for public nuisance violations...	\$150	\$5000
Solid Hazardous Wastes Materials	24-5(a)	Any person who violates any provision of...chapter 24...chapter 37...	\$150	\$5000
Solid Hazardous Wastes Materials	48-47(b)(c)	...the penalties...for illegal dumping or unlawful disposal...	\$150	\$5000
Vector Control	24-24(c)	Any person who fails to comply with any violation notice, order, rule or regulation...	\$150	\$5000
Vector Control	48-47(b)(c)	...the penalties...for illegal dumping or unlawful disposal...	\$150	\$5000

Vector Control	37-53(b)	Mandatory minimum fines for public nuisance violations...	\$150	\$5000
Vector Control	24-5(a)	Any person who violates any provision of...chapter 24...chapter 37...	\$150	\$5000
Water Quality	24-24(c)	Any person who fails to comply with any violation notice, order, rule or regulation...	\$150	\$5000
	Appeal to AHO Fee	Appeal to AHO	\$25	N/A
	Late Fee	30 days past due	\$25	N/A

Notes:

- 1 Warnings with no fine are usually given for first time offenses. Investigators use professional judgment and conversations about root causes and corrective actions in determining whether to issue a citation.
- 2 Maximum fines are rarely issued and only after repeated violations and/or disregard for corrective actions. Maximum penalty amounts in Chapter 4 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (DRMC) are set at \$2000 as of Feb 1, 2022. These may be increased in future ordinance revisions. Maximum penalty amounts under Chapters 24, 37, and 48 were increased to \$5000 in 2021.