The City of Lemon Grove is located in eastern San Diego County and is bordered by the City of San Diego on the west and south, the City of La Mesa to the north, and the unincorporated community of Spring Valley to the east. As of 2014, the City of Lemon Grove has an estimated population of 25,928, which is projected to increase to 32,144 by 2050 (SANDAG Regional Growth Forecast, 2010).

The City of Lemon Grove is governed by a five-member City Council consisting of a directly-elected Mayor and four Councilmembers elected at-large.

Lemon Grove’s Sphere of Influence is larger than the City’s boundaries and includes adjacent unincorporated territory on the southeast that is located within the Spring Valley Community Planning Area of the County of San Diego.

The City of Lemon Grove provides fire protection services city-wide and provides wastewater services via the subsidiary Lemon Grove Sanitation District. Water service is provided by the Helix Water District. Police service is provided by the San Diego County Sheriff. Trash hauling and disposal service is provided by contract with EDCO Disposal.

Note that on January 1, 2010, the Cities of Lemon Grove, El Cajon, and La Mesa entered into a joint exercise of powers agreement for management and delivery of fire protection and emergency medical services (Heartland Fire & Rescue).