

Available Resources to Help Stop Illegal Dumping

NCTCOG Regional Solid Waste
Management Plan:
www.nctcog.org/envir/sw/PDF/SEE_Less_Trash_Plan_11-03.pdf

NCTCOG Targeted Illegal Dumper Study:
www.nctcog.org/envir/sw/SID/target.asp

NCTCOG Illegal Dumping
Cost/Benefit Study:
www.nctcog.org/envir/sw/SID/Regional_C_B_Study.asp

NCTCOG Stop Illegal Dumping website:
www.nctcog.org/envir/sw/SID/index.asp

Texas Commission on Environmental
Quality: www.tceq.state.tx.us

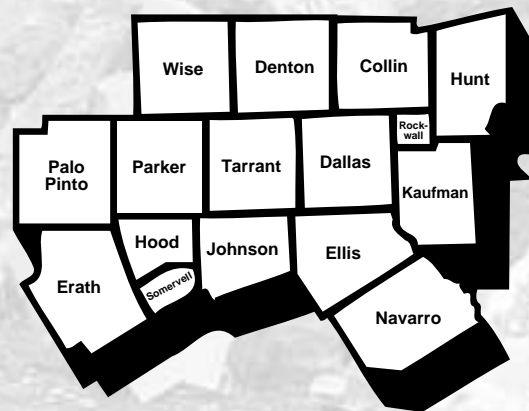
Don't Mess with Texas website (TXDOT):
www.dontmesswithtexas.org

Keep Texas Beautiful:
www.ktb.org

article on Illegal dumping:
www.ktb.org/programs/dumping/IllegalDumping.pdf

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Local Contact Information



The 16-County
North Central Texas Region

Help STOP Illegal Dumping

in North Central Texas

1-888-335-DUMP

If you see it,
REPORT it!



What You Can Do To Help

Law enforcement officials need your help in fighting environmental crime. Citizens can take an active role in stopping illegal dumping by following the suggestions listed below:

- Always dispose of your own litter properly;
- Spread the word to friends and neighbors that illegal dumping is a crime;
- Do not transport unsecured debris in the back of a vehicle - always use a tarp or other cover;
- Organize volunteer cleanups of illegal dumpsites - people are less likely to litter in clean areas;
- Write or call your city or county elected officials and let them know that illegal dumping is a concern in your community;
- Do not pay roofing or other contractors until they present you with a landfill receipt showing that your waste was properly disposed;
- Report illegal dumping to:

THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS ILLEGAL DUMPING HOTLINE: 1-888-335-DUMP.

Remember to include the following information in your report:

- City and county in which the incident occurred
- Specific street location within the city
- License plate number and description of the vehicle
- Personal description of the violator
- Type of waste dumped
- Date and time of the violation
- Your name and telephone number
(helpful to investigate and prosecute and you can remain anonymous)

Common Illegal Dumping Violations Include:

- Throwing litter out of a car or boat;
- Dumping household trash, construction debris and/or yard waste in unauthorized locations;
- Hauling trash for profit and dumping it in unauthorized locations;
- Letting someone else dump waste on your property, whether they pay you or not;
- Pouring used motor oil or restaurant grease into storm drains or down manhole covers;
- Disposing of trash or yard waste in area creeks and lakes.

Unauthorized locations include: creeks, lakes, storm drains, sewer systems, unauthorized use of a dumpster, and non-state regulated solid waste sites on land.

Authorized locations include: state permitted landfills, and/or collection stations

Dumping trash in unauthorized locations is unsightly and can cause major public health and safety concerns. Dumpsites can contain broken glass, exposed metal, hazardous wastes and other dangerous materials; as well as attract pests such as rats, snakes, and mosquitoes. Costs to clean illegal dumpsites can run into the millions of dollars, placing significant economic hardship on local governments. Illegal dumping also has economic impacts on the surrounding communities— it fosters a negative community image. People are more likely to dump on property where dumping has already occurred.

Stopping illegal dumping is everyone's problem... and it makes good environmental and economic sense. Help the North Central Texas region significantly reduce illegal dumping by working together with your local elected officials and law enforcement officers for a cleaner, healthier, and safer community.

Penalties under the Texas Litter Abatement Act: Health and Safety Code 365

- **CLASS C MISDEMEANOR:**
Fine up to \$500
5 pounds or less or a volume of 5 gallons or less
- **CLASS B MISDEMEANOR:**
Fine up to \$2,000
and/or up to 180 days in jail
More than 5 pounds but less than 500 pounds or a volume of more than 5 gallons but less than 100 cubic feet
- **CLASS A MISDEMEANOR:**
Fine up to \$4,000
and/or up to 1 year in jail
500 pounds or more but less than 1,000 pounds or has a volume of 100 cubic feet or more but less than 200 cubic feet; or
 - dumping for a commercial purpose and weighing more than 5 pounds but less than 200 pounds or has a volume more than 5 gallons but less than 200 cubic feet.
- **STATE JAIL FELONY:**
Fine up to \$10,000
and/or up to 2 years in State jail
1,000 pounds or more, has a volume of 200 cubic feet or more; or
 - dumping for a commercial purpose and weighing 200 pounds or more, has a volume of 200 cubic feet or more; or
 - dumping a closed barrel or drum.