

## WHERE TO DUMP LEGALLY

### LANDFILLS:

Williamson County  
Hutto, CR 128 off 1660  
(512) 759-8881

### TRANSFER STATIONS:

TDS-Georgetown  
1101 N. College St.  
(512) 930-3637

### RECYCLING CENTERS:

The ten-county CAPCO region has numerous recycling centers. To locate a recycling center in your area, contact the Coordinator of the CAPCO Solid Waste Program at (512) 443-7653.

Local taxpayers pay the cost of cleaning up dumps on public lands and rights-of-way.

## ILLEGAL DUMPING: A Serious Problem for Texas

Property owners, taxpayers, and local governments in Texas spend million of dollars each year cleaning up illegal dumps. One dump in Southeast Dallas will cost an estimated \$21 million to clean up.

Illegal dumping threatens our health and safety. Pollutants can seep into rivers and groundwater. Dumps can be breeding grounds for rats and mosquitoes. Children playing near illegally dumped waste can be injured.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Dispose of your litter properly and encourage others to do the same
- Spread the word to friends and neighbors that illegal dumping is a crime
- Organize volunteer cleanups of illegal dumpsites, to discourage dumping
- Write to or call your local elected officials to let them know your concerns
- Report illegal dumping to the Regional Solid Waste Enforcement Task Force (see inside for more information)

# ILLEGAL DUMPING



# IN TEXAS



# PENALTIES

Illegal dumping is serious business, and tough Texas laws punish dumpers with fines, jail time, or both. Here's what illegal dumpers who get caught in Texas can expect...

## SOLID WASTE

TX Health and Safety Code, Section 365

### CLASS C

Solid waste weighing 5 pounds or less, or with a volume of 5 gallons or less. Fine up to \$500.



### CLASS B

Solid waste weighing more than 5 but less than 500 pounds, or with a volume of more than 5 gallons but less than 100 ft<sup>3</sup>. Jail up to 180 days and a fine up to \$2,000.



### CLASS A

Solid waste weighing 500–1,000 lbs., or with a volume of 100–200 ft<sup>3</sup>, or disposed for a commercial purpose, weighing 5–200 lbs. or having a volume of 5 gallons to 200 ft<sup>3</sup>. Jail up to one year and a fine up to \$4,000.



### STATE JAIL FELONY

Solid waste illegally disposed weighing 1,000 lbs. or more or having a volume of 200 ft<sup>3</sup> or more, or disposed of for commercial purpose and weighing more than 200 lbs. or having a volume of 200 ft<sup>3</sup> or more, or contained in a closed drum or barrel. Imprisonment up to two years and/or up to \$10,000 fine.



## USED OIL (FELONY)

TX Water Code, Sec. 7.176

Improper disposal, storage, or handling of any used oil. Each day is a separate offense. Fine of \$1,000–\$50,000 and imprisonment up to five years.



## WATER QUALITY

TX Water Code, Sec. 7.145

Intentional or knowing discharge of a waste or pollutant that threatens to cause water pollution. Each day is a separate offense. Imprisonment up to five years and a fine of \$1,000 – \$100,000.



## BATTERIES

TX Water Code, Sec. 7.185

Disposing or discarding of a lead-acid battery except to an authorized collection or recycling business or facility. Each battery and each day is a separate offense. Jail up to one year and fine up to \$4,000.



## JUNKED VEHICLES

TX Transp Code, Sec. 683

Inoperable vehicle visible from public right-of-way. Fine up to \$200, vehicle may be abated.



# OK— SO WHO DO I CALL?

To report illegal dumping or to get information about legal disposal options, contact:

**People Manning**

**Deputy Constable**

**Environmental Enforcement**

**(512) 943-1439**

**[rmanning@wilco.org](mailto:rmanning@wilco.org)**

## WHO ARE WE?

The Capital Region Solid Waste Enforcement Task Force is a 10-county network of law enforcement and health department officers working to prevent illegal dumping and other environmental crimes.

For additional information contact Sarretta McCaslin @ (512) 916-6185.

