

Help Stop Illegal Dumping!

- Always dispose of your own trash properly.
- Be sure to tarp and secure your load while transporting garbage.
- If you hire someone else to haul your trash (even a family member!), be sure they present you with a receipt from a Lane County transfer site before you make final payment.

Reporting Instructions

1. **PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH OR REMOVE ANYTHING.** Removing evidence may jeopardize our ability to issue a citation. Also, illegal dumps often contain hazardous material and are best left to trained personnel.
2. Take note of the location by the milepost or closest address. **Please report the illegal dump site as soon as possible by calling 541-682-4533.**
3. If you witness the dumping and it is safe to do so, record the license plate number, vehicle/driver description, and take a picture if possible.
4. To report a dump the illegal dump site call the Nuisance Abatement Program at 541-682-4533. Please provide your contact information. An illegal dump report form can also be filled out on our website:
www.lanecounty.org/reportadumpsite
or send an e-mail to:
lanecountydumpsitereporting@co.lane.or.us
Nuisance abatement program responds to all county maintained roads.
To report dump sites inside a city, please contact the city. To report dump sites along a state or interstate highway contact the Oregon Department of Transportation in Salem at 888-275-6368.

Why Report Illegal Dumping

Accumulation of rotten, decaying garbage attracts rats and other disease-carrying creatures. Dumping hazardous waste puts people's health at risk and can harm the environment. Illegal dumping can be associated with other forms of illegal activity. If tolerated, it sends a message to violators that it is acceptable to dump garbage in your neighborhood or community.

Lane County's 5 Point Plan To Help Stop Illegal Dumping



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To report a dump site
on a road maintained
by Lane County call
541-682-4533

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Illegal Dumping Program

What We Do

Lane County Public Works helps preserve our community's natural beauty by removing illegal dump sites along 1,432 miles of county roads and on county property.

In addition to cleaning up these eyesores and public health hazards, the program also helps enforce Lane County's illegal dumping laws.

People who dump trash illegally are subject to civil citations and fines of up to \$2000. They may also be ordered to clean up the garbage or to pay Lane County's cleanup costs.



When dump sites involve large amounts of trash, difficult terrain, hazardous wastes or other unusual circumstances, the cleanup may cost more than the fine.

It is intuitive to imagine that people must resort to illegal dumping because they want to do the

right thing, but can't afford curbside garbage collection service or even the lower cost of taking trash to their local transfer station. However, illegal dumps are often largely comprised of materials that can be recycled for free at Lane County transfer stations, including electronic wastes like TVs, computer monitors and the like, as well as common recyclables like cardboard, paper, plastic bottles and scrap metal.

On the other hand, many dumps are just piles of tires, sometimes numbering in the hundreds. Finally, illegal dumping is a serious issue even in places where there is no direct fee to dispose of garbage. Illegal dumping, then, is almost entirely a choice of perceived convenience or cost avoidance, not necessity. In any event, we all share in the cost of cleaning up these illegal dump sites.



The Statistics

Since 2006, the Waste Management Division's Nuisance Abatement Program has cleaned up over 2000 illegal dump sites, including:

- 500 tons of garbage
- Over 7,000 tires
- 2,050 TVs & computers
- 355 Sofas
- 200 Mattresses
- 6 Hot tubs
- 9 Boats