



WHAT IS ILLEGAL DUMPING?

Illegal dumping, also known as “wildcat dumping,” is the disposal of waste at any location that has not been approved by ADEQ. Approved sites include landfills and waste transfer stations. These sites are permitted and inspected annually to sustain a healthy and environmentally friendly place to dispose of wastes.

ILLEGAL DUMPING CAN BE COSTLY

Illegal dumping hurts property values. It is also a major economic burden on local government, which typically takes responsibility for cleaning up dump sites, diverting funds which could be used for other services.

Illegal dumping is a class two misdemeanor. You can be fined up to \$15,000 for each violation (A.R.S. § 49-783).

ILLEGAL DUMPING IS BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH

- Illegal dumping poses a risk to public health, aquatic habitats, and wildlife.
- Garbage may attract rodents and other animals.
- Insects, such as mosquitoes that carry diseases, may hatch in water that pools on the waste.
- Bacteria can grow in discarded food, diapers and human waste.
- Hazardous chemicals illegally dumped may contaminate water and soil.



WHAT IF I WITNESS ILLEGAL DUMPING?

ADEQ encourages anyone who encounters an existing illegal dump to report it. Contact your local public works or waste office, code enforcement office or local law enforcement agency. Write down as much of the following information down as possible:

- Specific location of dumpsite;
- Directions to dumpsite;
- Approximate size of dumpsite;
- Type of material(s) in dumpsite;
- Name and phone number of property owner (if known);
- Date, time and location of incident (if available);
- Description of vehicle and license plate number (if available);
- Description of person(s) dumping (if available).

USEFUL LINKS

Illegal Dumping

<http://www.azdeq.gov/envIRON/waste/dumping/faqs.html>

Waste Tire Collection Sites

http://www.azdeq.gov/envIRON/waste/solid/download/WTCS_FINAL_10_15_14_Web.pdf

County Contacts

<http://www.azdeq.gov/envIRON/waste/dumping/contacts.html>

City/County Delegation Agreements

<http://www.azdeq.gov/function/permits/delegated.html>

If you have questions regarding illegal dumping or the management of solid waste, please contact the Waste Inspections and Compliance Unit.

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Waste Inspections and Compliance Unit

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

(602) 771-4673 or

Toll free at (800) 234-5677 Ext. 771-4673

Hearing impaired persons call

ADEQ's TDD line: (602) 771-4829

<http://www.azdeq.gov/envIRON/waste/solid/index.html>