

RESOURCES

Agencies

Contra Costa County

Application & Permit Center	(925) 335-1360
Building Inspection	(925) 335-1111
Clean Water Program	(800) 663-8674
Code Enforcement	(877) 646-8314
Environmental Health/Solid	
Waste Code Enforcement	(925) 692-2500
Hazardous Materials	(925) 335-3200
Mosquito & Vector Control	(925) 685-9301
Public Works	(925) 313-2000
Recycling Hotline	(800) 750-4096
Sheriff Dispatch	(925) 646-2441

City Building, Code Enforcement, or Police
Departments please refer to phone book.

Garbage Service

Allied Waste Services (925) 685-4711
Alamo, Antioch, Bay Point, Canyon, Clayton, Clyde,
Danville, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Orinda,
Pacheco, Pleasant Hill, Rodeo, San Ramon, Walnut
Creek

Bay View Refuse (510) 237-4614
Kensington

Brentwood Disposal (925) 516-6090
Bethel Island, Brentwood, Discovery Bay, Knightsen

East Bay Sanitary (510) 237-1340
El Cerrito

Pittsburg Disposal (925) 432-6262
Pittsburg

Richmond Sanitary (510) 262-1600
Crockett, El Sobrante, Hercules, Pinole, Port Costa,
Richmond, San Pablo

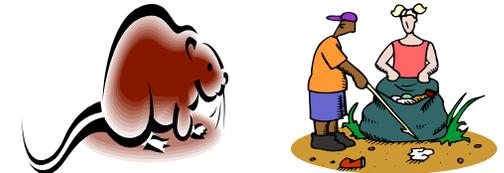


Contra Costa
Environmental Health

Illegal Dumping

Is Everyone's Problem

Prevent Illegal Dumping in our Communities



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ILLEGAL DUMPING EVERYONE'S PROBLEM

There has been an increase in illegal dumping of solid waste in areas throughout the county. Illegal dumping is everyone's problem. It can be harmful to wildlife, plants and water, and damage the surrounding community and economy.

Illegal dumping is a long-standing problem in this county and others because:

- Certain locations become routine dumpsites.
- Dumpsites attract additional dumping.
- Neighborhood blight and possible crime activity.
- Attractive "play" area to children and/or provides scavenging opportunities.
- Harmful contents due to toxic or hazardous nature (i.e. syringes, pesticides, asbestos-containing material).

Unwanted Exposure

Illegal dumping of solid waste is not only a nuisance and unsightly, but it has health impacts as well.

- Sensitivity to odors.
- Attracts flies which use decaying wastes as a food source and can transmit disease-causing microorganisms and filth.
- Attracts rodents. Rodents and their fleas may transmit human diseases. The potential for a disease outbreak may increase as the rat population increases. The disease Leptospirosis may be contracted through contact with water or eating food contaminated with urine of infected rats. Salmonellosis may be contracted through eating rodent-contaminated food.

Illegal Dumping Costs Everyone

Everyone shares in the cost to clean up illegal dumpsites. Dumpsites result in neighborhood blight and may result in low neighborhood pride and decreased property maintenance that may lead to decreased property values as well as possible criminal activity.

The time and effort law enforcement and health officials spend on illegal dumping could be directed at more worthy causes such as serious crime and health issues.

ILLEGAL DUMPING REGULATIONS

County and many City ordinances require mandatory subscription with a garbage service to remove wastes from homes and businesses on a weekly or more frequent basis. It is everyone's responsibility—home, property, and business owners—to ensure garbage service is provided. There are also laws and regulations prohibiting illegal dumping of wastes.



Prevention of Illegal Dumping

There are several ways the community can help prevent ongoing illegal dumping.

1. Report illegal dumping as soon as possible to the appropriate city agency or the Sheriff's Dispatch at (925) 646-2441 if it is located in the unincorporated county area. If you see someone dumping illegally, without endangering yourself, try to obtain identifying information such as a physical description, vehicle description and license plate number, and note the time and location. The more information provided, the better the chances of stopping further illegal dumping.
2. Garbage attracts garbage. Request that officials clean up illegal dumpsites as soon as possible so others will not be tempted to dump in the same location.
3. Report landlords who do not provide garbage service to the garbage collection company in your area.
4. Do your part to dispose of waste properly OR recycle items you no longer want but could be reused or transformed by others. See the "Recycling" section for more information. Contact your garbage collection company about clean-up days or other special collection services.

DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERTY

If your regular garbage collection company cannot collect certain waste due to the size (appliances or furniture) or amounts (large clean-up or demolition), take your waste to a licensed disposal, composting, or recycling facility.

Waste Disposal Facilities

Licensed facilities accepting waste for disposal in Contra Costa County are listed below. Call for information on the types of waste accepted at each facility and their service areas.

Acme Landfill

950 Waterbird Way, Martinez (925) 228-7099

Contra Costa Transfer and Recovery Station

951 Waterbird Way, Martinez (925) 313-8900

Pittsburg Transfer Station and Recycling Center

1300 Loveridge Road, Pittsburg (925) 473-0180

Golden Bear Transfer Station

Parr Boulevard, Richmond (510) 233-4330

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at Central Contra Costa Sanitary District

4797 Imhoff Place, Martinez (800) 646-1431

Delta Diablo Household Hazardous Waste Facility

2500 Pittsburg-Antioch Hwy, Pittsburg (925) 778-4040

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at the West Contra Costa Resource Recovery-Central Processing Facility

Richmond-By appointment (888) 412-4500

Recycling

Under current State law, recyclables may be donated to any independent hauler or charity. There are many facilities and organizations throughout the County that accept materials for reuse or recycling. Call the County's Recycling Hotline at 1-800-750-4096 for more information. Also visit:

www.co.contracosta.ca.us/depart/cd/recycle/

to view or print the *Contra Costa Waste Reduction & Recycling Guide* or search the on-line Reuse Directory for local reuse and recycling opportunities.