

# STOP Illegal Dumping In Lakewood



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Report it!**

**Call  
(562) 866-9771**

## Common Illegal Dumping Includes:

- Dumping household trash, hazardous waste, medical and human waste, construction debris, and/or yard waste in unauthorized locations such as: streets, alleys, vacant lots, parks, storm drains, sewer system etc.
- Dumping waste in another resident's or businesses refuse cart, bin or container.

## ***Here's what you need to do:***

State and County laws both specify strict penalties for people convicted of illegal dumping, which may include fines up to \$10,000, seizure of their vehicle, and incarceration.

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### **See it**

- ♦ Dumper description: Gender, age, ethnicity, etc.
- ♦ Vehicle: license plate number, color, make and model
- ♦ Incident: Time and date, location and type of materials.

### **Report it**

- ♦ Call City Hall at (562) 866-9771
- ♦ Call the Sheriff non-emergency number at (562) 623-3500



**City of Lakewood**

For more information or assistance, please call the  
City of Lakewood's  
Public Works Department  
(562) 866-9771 extension 2500.

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**REPORTING  
ILLEGAL  
DUMPING**

## WHAT IS ILLEGAL DUMPING? WHY IS IT A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR THE COMMUNITY?

Illegal dumping is abandoned solid or liquid material that is placed, deposited, dumped or accumulated in any public or private street, alleys, public right-of-way or easement, gutter, catch basin or sidewalk.

Usually, people dump illegally to avoid collection and disposal fees, or because they believe proper disposal is just “too much trouble”

Illegal dumping is considered a crime of opportunity and occurs primarily in remote locations of the City.



Illegal dumping is everyone's problem. Valuable staff time and resources spent on illegal dumping enforcement could be used for more serious crime and health issues.

### You can help prevent illegal dumping by:

- Disposing your own waste properly;
- Spreading the word to friends and neighbors that illegal dumping is a crime;
- Securing debris transported in the back of your vehicle by using a tarp or cover;
- Take hazardous waste items, motor oil,

cooking oil, sharp needles, medications and electronic waste to the Los Angeles Environmental Collection Center located at the EDCO Recycling & Transfer Center in Signal Hill on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

- Donating items that are no longer wanted and in good condition to a local charity or organization, post the items on the free neighborhood apps such as: Nextdoor or Craigslist; and
- Participating in the City's Bulky Item program by calling EDCO Disposal, the City's exclusive franchise hauler.

## What can you do to help?

### Free Bulky Item Collection

Single family residents are eligible for free pick up of bulky items such as furniture, computers, water heaters, appliances, televisions, etc. Hazardous waste and construction materials will not be collected.

**Residents can schedule this free service (6) six times per year, for up to (6) six items per scheduled collection!**

**Call EDCO Disposal at (562) 531-3054 by 3:30 pm the day before your normal trash pickup to schedule a bulky item pick up.**



### Household Hazardous Waste

Residents can safely dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) at **no charge** at the EDCO Recycling & Transfer Center at 2755 California Avenue in Signal Hill on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

HHW includes any product labeled toxic, poisonous, corrosive, flammable, combustible or irritant. Common items are: motor oil and filters, aerosol cans, medicines, household batteries, electronic waste, cooking oil, automotive products, pesticides, fertilizers, sharp waste/medical needles, thermostats, fluorescent light bulbs.

For additional information call [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com) or call 1 (888) CLEAN LA.

### Got Paint?

California residents and businesses can recycle leftover paint for free at local retail stores.

For program details and locations, visit [www.PaintCare.org](http://www.PaintCare.org) or call 855-724-6809.

### Tires Wearing You Down?

Waste tires are a major problem. Tires that are illegally dumped are unsightly and a safety hazard. The County of Los Angeles holds regular waste tire collection events for residents to recycle their tires.

For more information on when and where the next tire recycling events will be held, log onto [www.CleanLa.com](http://www.CleanLa.com) or call 1 (888) CLEAN LA.

### Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!

