

ILLEGAL DUMPING IS A GROWING PROBLEM

Collin County is one of the fastest growing counties in the country for a lot of reasons, such as the impeccable blend of pristine country and vibrant city. Unfortunately, some of our neighbors are managing to spoil our county's charm and appeal with their trash.

These dumpsites are not only unsightly, but also pose serious public health and environmental safety hazards to all of us. They contain everything from common household and yard trash to appliances, furniture and other large items, to hazardous chemical and biological waste, which can leach into the soil and water table.



**Illegal Dumping
is a crime.
Report it when you
see it.**

(972) 547-5350

**We're
Watching**



Illegal dumping tarnishes our countryside and it's against the law. You can help us preserve the appeal of Collin County by reporting illegal dumping. If you witness this activity, please call the number above. The Sheriff's Office will investigate and together we can keep Collin County clean, like it always has been, and still should be.



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like it has been, and should stay.



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THE PUNISHMENT FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING

Class C Misdemeanor

For litter less than 5 lbs in weight
or
less than 5 gallons in volume

Class B Misdemeanor

For litter between 5 to 500 lbs
or
5 gallons to 100 cubic ft

Class A Misdemeanor

For litter between 500 to 1,000 lbs
or
between 100 to 200 cubic ft
or
Commercial waste between
5 to 200 lbs or
5 gallons to 200 cubic ft

State Jail Felony

For waste of more than 1,000 lbs,
more than 200 cubic ft or
waste contained in a closed drum
or
Commercial waste of more than
200 lbs or 200 cubic ft

Don't Risk It!



WHAT THESE CRIMINALS DUMP

Trash

Food, paper, plastics, styrofoam, wood, furniture, glass, cans, tires, appliances, construction materials, dead animals, used diapers, to name a few.



Problem: Some trash is not biodegradable, meaning it never goes away. Other trash pose health and safety risks. All trash is ugly.

Penalty: Violators face up to \$4,000 in fines, one year in jail, and possible loss of the vehicle used during the violation.

Toxic Waste

Batteries, industrial chemicals, household chemicals.



Problem: Serious, even deadly, impact on human health and the environment.

Penalty: Vary according to infraction. For example, for dumping just one car battery, the penalty is up to \$4,000 in fines AND one year in jail.

Used Motor Oil

Problem: Very hazardous to the environment, especially our water supply. One gallon of motor oil can contaminate one million gallons of clean water.



Penalty: Violators face fines between \$1,000 and \$50,000 and up to five years in prison.