2nd Annual Virtual Statewide Conference on Illegal Dumping

Illegal Dumping Resources
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...mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality.

We fulfill our mission by developing, implementing and enforcing environmental laws that regulate air, water and soil quality, pesticide use and waste recycling and reduction. Our departments are at the forefront of environmental science, using the most recent research to shape the state’s environmental laws.
Materials Management, Solid Waste, Non-Hazardous

Where to Recycle

- Recycling Center Map
- Batteries
- Beverage Containers
- Sharps
- Organic Materials
- Used Oil & Filters
- Waste Tires
- E-Waste
- Paint
- Mattresses
- Carpet
- Vehicle Donation

CalRecycle
Enforcement (of Materials Management/Solid Waste)

- Generally, each jurisdiction has their own Local Enforcement Agencies (LEA). For counties or cities without a LEA, CalRecycle is the Enforcement Agency.
- CalRecycle is responsible for ensuring that State waste management programs are primarily carried out through LEAs.

- LEAs:
  - Responsible for guaranteeing the proper storage and transportation of solid wastes.
  - Ensure the correct operation and closure of solid waste facilities in the state.
Local Enforcement Agency Grants
Provides grant funds, based on population and solid waste facilities, to local enforcement agencies (LEA) to assist in their solid waste facilities permit and inspection program.

Tire Recycling, Cleanup, and Enforcement Grants (TEA)
Several different grants programs are available to local governments for the purpose of diverting tires from landfill disposal by promoting markets of recycled-content products, as well as for enforcement and cleanup.
Illegal Dumping Enforcement

• Types of illegal dumping incidences vary, starting with *litter*, but are often more significant and include various material types, ranges in toxicity and different violations.

• Illegal dumping *violations* are often unique to each jurisdiction and cited by (code/law) enforcement.

• Code Enforcement is “…violations of statutes or ordinances regulating public health, safety, and welfare, public works, business activities and consumer protection, building standards, land-use, or municipal affairs.“ [caceo.us]

• Code Enforcement Officers work with LEAs & TEAs on environmental concerns. Should violations become unresolved, law enforcement is needed, and usually additional resources…
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Grant and Loan Programs for Enforcement or Cleanup

Local government entities, including LEAs, TEAs have responsibility for ensuring… the cleanup of illegal solid waste sites or waste tires (and the other responsibilities we have already addressed).

Cleanup Grants and Loans

• **Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup Abatement and Grant Program:** Allows cities, counties, Resource Conservation Districts and Native American tribes to seek financial assistance for the cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property.

• **Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup and Amnesty Event Grants:** Provides funding to local governments for the cost of clean-up, abatement, or other remedial actions related to the disposal of waste tires collected at cleanup projects and amnesty events.

• **Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program:** This program allows CalRecycle to expend funds directly for cleanup or emergency actions, provide loans to responsible parties who demonstrate the ability to repay state funds, or provide matching grants to local governments to assist in remediation of environmental problems at landfills.
AB 2136 (1993) required CalRecycle to initiate these programs, where the responsible party either cannot be identified or is unwilling or unable to pay for timely remediation and where cleanup is needed to protect public health and safety and/or the environment. Assistance is available:

- **Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program.** Grants up to $500,000 are available to local governments to clean up illegal disposal sites.

- **Legacy Disposal Site Abatement Partial Grant Program.** Matching grants up to $750,000 are available to assist local governments to remediate environmental problems old dumps and landfills and other solid waste problems.

- **Local Government Loans.** Loans to local governments who can demonstrate need and the ability to repay State funds.
More Illegal Dumping Resources

- Grant, Payment, & Loan Programs
- Government Enforcement Agencies & Local Coordinators

Illegal Dumping/IDTAC*

Hosts Illegal Dumping Resources Toolbox driven by Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee (IDTAC).
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Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Directory
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Tire Enforcement Agency (TEA) Contacts
• www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Tires/Enforcement/Contacts/

Local Government Central
• www.calrecycle.ca.gov/LGCentral/

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