

Illegal Dumping: State Updates and Local Impacts

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END ILLEGAL DUMPING

Breaking the Cycle:
Systemic Solutions to End Illegal Dumping



"Illegal Dumping"

Litter



Illegal Dumping



Illegal Disposal (Sites)



Strategies

Prevention

Abatement

Cleanup

Enforcement

(Outreach/Education)

Education

Eradication

Enforcement



IDTAC Focus Topic

Tools to address illegal dumping through local cooperative efforts



Currently housing a rather full repository



IDTAC Snapshot

- Toolbox
- Subcommittees
 - Strategy
 - Outreach
 - Standards
 - Enforcement
- Projects
 - Data collection forms
 - Cameras
 - Training matrix
 - Enforcement trainings



Public Works Management Practices Manual – accreditation Street Cleaning Chapter



26.8 Illegal Dumping and Litter Control

An illegal dumping and litter plan is developed and implemented.

Outline responsibilities and contacts for measures such as cleanup (i.e. private property, right of way, hazardous and/or unknown substances) and data collection (i.e. costs and occurrences). Activity tracking (i.e. reported incidents, response times, locations, frequency, quantity, material types) ensures appropriate resource and cost allocation. Collaboration with other agencies and groups impact control measures (i.e. adopt-a-street programs, paid/volunteer cleanup crews whose efforts at neighboring locations like local beaches, preserved/open spaces). Voucher programs and green building standards often encourage and/or require proper materials management (i.e. recycling, diversion) which could be part of the agency's overall management program.

Programs and/or grants for different material types (i.e. tires, mattresses, HHW, e-waste, paint) may be available.

26.9 Illegal Dumping and Litter Prevention and Enforcement

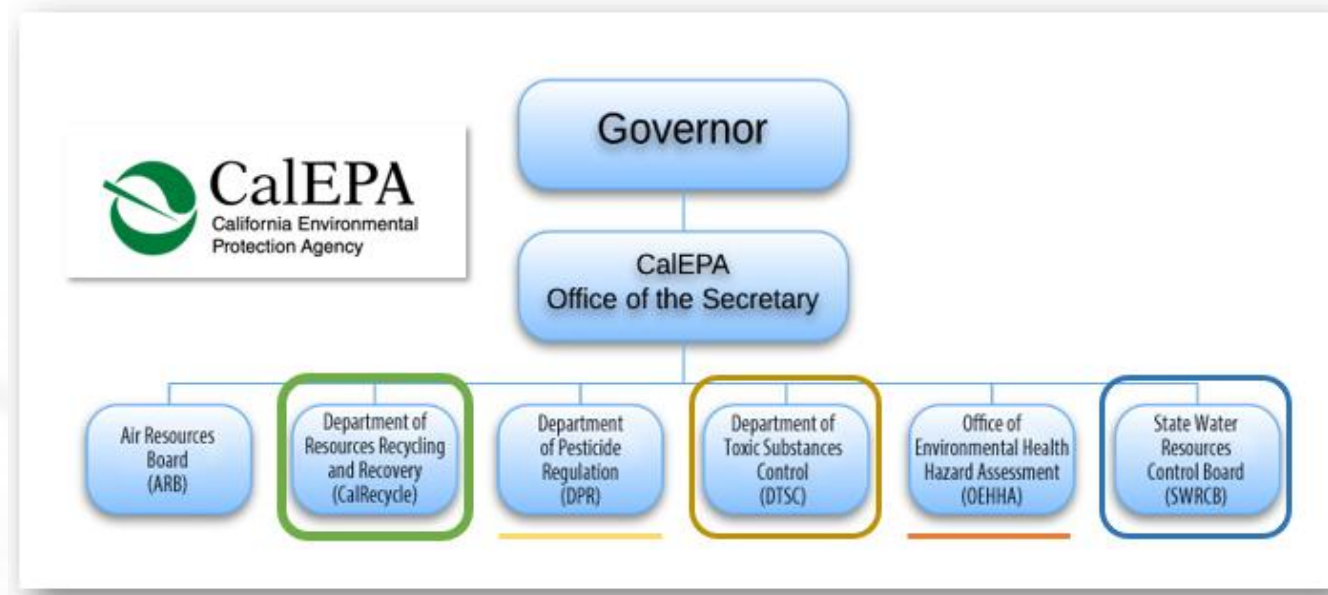
Combined or separate policies to compel proper materials management is established.

Dedicated prevention and enforcement measures can help alleviate the cost and resources bared from improper materials management. Collaboration with other agencies and groups on actions like collection events, various physical deterrents, and outreach and education leverages resources and prevents duplicity. Consider mandatory collection and franchise hauler contract clauses, where permitted. Enacting local ordinances or using state or county codes sets precedent and is the foundation for enforcement, another form of prevention.

Delineate illegal dumping and litter; their impact and disciplinary actions can vary widely. Collaborate with appropriate authorities to establish proper evidence gathering protocols (i.e. separating indicia upon/prior to cleanup, surveillance opportunities, those with arrest authority if caught in the act) and to determine appropriate enforcement actions/penalties (i.e. fines, community service, restitution, vehicle confiscation, license suspension). "Knock and talks" from authorities may be sufficient, especially when insufficient evidence is available. Rewards programs may incentivize reporting in communities most impacted.



- Standard Operating Procedures
- Solid Waste (Hazardous Waste)



Overlapping topics

- [Abandoned Vehicles](#)
- Homeless Encampments
- Illegal Cannabis Grows
- Water Stakeholders/MS4s
- Surveys



- Illegal Disposal “Activities”
 - Land application, C&D, Compost
- Contamination (SB 1383)
- Multi-family units
- Franchise Agreement considerations
- Product Stewardship (EPR)



-  Mattresses
-  Carpet
-  Paint
-  Pharmaceutical and Sharps
-  Packaging
-  Batteries

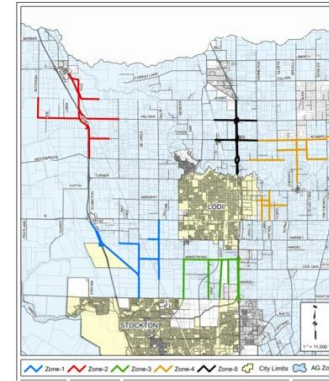


Grants, Other Support

- CalRecycle
 - Cleanup
 - Tires
- Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative
- Caltrans
 - MOUs
 - Adopt-a-Hwy
- CDFW - Cannabis Restoration
- Keep CA Beautiful

Case Study

FR67 – San Joaquin Co, PW Dept. Roads Cleanup



- Department of Public Works (PW) – Road Maintenance Division
- 37 sites / segments of road
- Awarded \$100K, in progress – due 3/17/22
- Dumping occurs, even if tipping fees waived
- Scope of PW
- Education/outreach forthcoming



Current Consideration

- Enforcement
 - Model Ordinances
- Data
- Statewide Survey

- **White Paper: [Illegal Dumping Solutions Report](#)**

Findings and Implications for a Statewide Response to Illegal Dumping.

ILLEGAL DUMPING SOLUTIONS REPORT

FINDINGS AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS FOR A STATEWIDE RESPONSE TO ILLEGAL DUMPING



Download the
White Paper
TODAY!

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Hosted by Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, District 4

- **Model Ordinance: Illegal Dumping Enforcement**

A model ordinance that expands accountability and gives local jurisdictions administrative tools to address illegal dumping.

Instructions:

This model ordinance is written for direct adoption by any city or county. Before adoption:

Identify the most appropriate local agency for the administrative and investigation process.

Fill in all bracketed placeholders (jurisdiction, Housing Duty Enforcement Officer) with local terms.

Have Council review for proportion, enforcement authority, clarity, consistency and more.

Governing Body adopts the ordinance and integrates it into the Municipal Code.

Download the Model Ordinance

Scan the QR Code to download.



Surveys

[California statewide illegal dumping surveys](#) were conducted among cities and counties which included: most common illegally dumped items and areas where illegal dumping occurs, cost breakdowns by department (staff and disposal), prevention measures/programs (their effectiveness, barriers, and suggested changes) and types of funding sources.

Keep America Beautiful National Litter Study:

- [2026](#)
- [2020-2021](#)



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