

# PROTECT YOURSELF



We are all responsible for making reasonable efforts to make sure our solid waste/household trash makes it to a proper disposal site.



If you hire someone to haul away your trash get a receipt; on the receipt, get identifying information for that person.



Make sure there is not a burn ban before you light a fire.

<https://www.traviscountytx.gov/fire-marshall/burn-ban>

## REPORT IT!

Contact the below agencies to make a report or to get more information:

### Dumping Hotline:

1.877.NODUMPS (1.877.663.8677)

### Illegal Dumping or Burning in Travis County:

Travis County Sheriff's Office non-emergency  
512.974.0845, Option #3

### Failing septic systems, Development Permits and Floodplain Management:

Travis County TNR Enforcement hotline  
512.854.6609 | 512.854.4215  
[www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr](http://www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr)

### Nuisance Violations:

Austin/Travis County Environmental Health Services Division  
512.978.0300 or 3-1-1  
<http://www.austintexas.gov/ehsd>

### Road Hazards on existing roadway:

512.978.0300

### Storm water and water quality hotline:

512.854.4400  
<https://www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/environmental-quality/stormwater>

### Subdividing Land:

512.978.9433

### Travis County Fire Marshal's Office:

512.854.4621 (Monday-Friday 8am-5pm)  
<https://www.traviscountytx.gov/fire-marshall>

## WHERE CAN I GO TO LEGALLY DISPOSE OF TRASH?



### LANDFILLS

#### Austin Community Landfill

9900 Giles Road @ Hwy. 290 East, Austin, TX  
512.272.4329 | <https://www.wmsolutions.com/locations/>

#### Texas Disposal Systems

3016 FM 1327, Creedmoor, TX  
800.375.8375 | <https://www.texasdisposal.com/contact>

#### Travis County Landfill

9600 FM 812, Del Valle, TX  
512.243.6300

#### Eco Depot Transfer Station

4001 Ranch Road 620 South, Bee Caves, TX  
512.263.5265 | <https://www.texasdisposal.com/contact>

#### Texas Disposal Systems Transfer Station

250 West L Walden Dr., Georgetown, TX  
512.930.1715 | <https://www.texasdisposal.com/contact>

### RECYCLE CENTERS

#### Austin Resource Recovery Center

3810 Todd Ln., Austin, TX  
512.974.4373

#### ABS Metal Recycling

10519 McAngus Rd., Del Valle, TX  
512.826.0797

#### All American Recycling

9202 FM 812, Del Valle, TX  
512.243.1183

#### Austin Metal & Iron Recycle Center

1000 East 4th St., Austin, TX  
512.477.4640

#### Austin Metal & Iron Recycle Center

10506 Decker Ln., Austin, TX  
512.272.8111

#### Austin Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center

2514 Business Center Dr., Austin, TX  
512.974.4343  
[www.austintexas.gov/dropoff](http://www.austintexas.gov/dropoff)

#### Balcones Resources

9301 Johnny Morris Rd., Austin, TX  
512.472.3355

#### CD Metal Recycling

6005 FM 973 S., Del Valle, TX  
512.247.9319

#### CDN Systems

12510 Trails End, Leander, TX  
512.933.0081

#### City of Round Rock Recycling Center

310 Deepwood Dr., Round Rock, TX  
512.218.7047

#### CMC Recycling Center

1704 Howard Ln., Austin, TX  
512.251.3407

#### CMC Recycling Center

710 Industrial Blvd., Austin, TX  
512.442.2384

#### Recycle Center

9405 Dessau Rd., Austin, TX  
512.836.7512

#### Reyes Salvage

7913- B US 183 S., Del Valle, TX  
512.373.6889

#### Worth Metal Recycling

8203 US 183 S., Del Valle, TX  
512.517.7277

# ILLEGAL DUMPING



## SEE IT



## REPORT IT



## STOP IT



## ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES UNIT

# WHAT IS ILLEGAL DUMPING?

Illegal dumping usually involves one of the following scenarios:

- Dumping waste on public or private property that is not licensed or permitted to receive waste.
- Dumping waste, without a license or permit, into sewers or waterways.
- Allowing another to dump waste on one's land, without being licensed to receive such waste.
- **Burning items that are illegal to burn in an attempt to dispose of it.**



Illegally dumped trash often includes furniture, auto parts, appliances, lead acid batteries, household garbage, building materials, abandoned vehicles, used tires, waste drums, and chemicals such as paint, oil and antifreeze.

## MISDEMEANOR or FELONY?

Illegal dumping can be a misdemeanor or a felony, depending on the state and on a number of other factors, such as:

- The amount of waste.
- The type of waste, and whether it is hazardous.
- Whether the dumping is committed by an individual or a business, and
- Whether the defendant has committed prior offenses.

Dumping either hazardous or large quantities of waste, or being a repeat offender, are factors that make felony charges more likely.

# — PENALTIES —

Texas Health & Safety Code Chapter 365

**Class C Misdemeanor:** Solid waste weighing 5 lbs. or less, or a volume of 5 gallons or less. Fine up to \$500.

**Class B Misdemeanor:** Solid waste weighting more than 5 but less than 500 lbs., or a volume of more than 5 gallons but less than 100 cubic feet. Jail up to 180 days and a fine up to \$200.

**Class A Misdemeanor:** Solid waste weighing 500-1,000 lbs., or with a volume of 100-200 cubic feet or disposed for a commercial purpose, weighing 5-200 lbs. or having a volume of 5 gallons to 200 cubic feet. Jail up to 1 year and a fine up to \$4,000.

**State Jail Felony:** Solid waste illegally disposed weighing 1,000 lbs. or more or having a volume of 200 cubic feet or more, or disposed of for commercial purpose and weighing more than 200 lbs. or having a volume of 200 cubic feet or more, or contained in a closed drum or barrel. Jail up to 2 years and/or fine up to \$10,000.

**Used Oil (Felony): TX. Water Code, Sec 7.176** - Improper disposal, storage, or handling of any used oil. Each day is a separate offense. Fine of \$1,000 - \$50,000 and jail up to 5 years. Enhanced for previous conviction.

**Water Quality: TX. Water Code, Sec. 7.145** - Intentional or knowing discharge of a waste or pollutant that threatens to cause water pollution. Each day is separate offense. Fine \$1,000 - \$100,000 and/or jail up to 5 years.

**Batteries: TX. Water Code, Sec. 7.185** - Disposing or discarding of a lead-acid battery except to an authorized collection or recycling business or facility. Each battery and each day is a separate offense. Jail up to 1 year and fine up to \$4,000.

**Junk Vehicles: TX. Transp. Code, Sec. 683** - Inoperable vehicle visible from public right-of-way. Is a public nuisance. Fine up to \$200.

**Air Quality Violation: TX. Health & Safety Code 7.177** - Burning heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials or chemical wastes. Up to \$4,000 fine and/or up to 1 year in jail.

## USED BATTERIES

**Call first** - Many local auto part stores and auto repair shops accept used batteries and clean used oil.

## USED OIL

**Call first** - Many local auto part stores and oil change businesses accept clean used oil. Texas Law prohibits dumping used oil on land or into sewers or waterways. This includes the use of used oil as a dust suppressant. Texas has also banned used oil filters from being placed in or accepted for disposal in a landfill.

## USED TIRES

**Call first** - Many local tire sales businesses and repair shops accept used tires. Disposal fees vary. Examples: Wal-Mart, Lamb's Tire & Automotive, Discount Tire Stores.

**Call first** - Landfills accept used tires; disposal fees vary.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE/PAINT/TIRES/OIL & MORE

### Austin Recycle & Reuse Drop-off Center

[www.austintexas.gov/dropoff](http://www.austintexas.gov/dropoff)

2514 Business Center Dr., Austin, TX  
512.974.4343

### Austin Resource Recovery Center

[www.austintexas.gov/department/austin-resource-recovery](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/austin-resource-recovery)

3810 Todd Ln., Austin, TX  
512.974.4373 - CALL FIRST



## WEBSITES TO FIND LOCAL RECYCLING:

Austin Mechanics Recycle

<https://austintexas.gov/faq/recycle-automotive-waste-0>

Austin Enviro Mechanics

<http://austintexas.gov/department/austin-enviro-mechanics>