

HOW TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

Be observant and report

Who, What, When, Where and How:

- Vehicle and suspect description
- License plate
- Materials dumped *
- Location and landmarks
- Any other information that may be related.

**Please note:* Illegally dumped materials can be hazardous; be observant, but do not investigate the garbage yourself.

WHERE TO REPORT:

- Broome County Illegal Dumping
Hotline: **607-778-DUMP** (24 hours)
- Municipal Code Enforcement and
Police Departments
(see directory assistance)
- Broome County Health Department
(*Imminent health hazards from open
burning, rodent harborage or water
contamination*) **607-778-2887**
- New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation (DEC)
607-775-2545
 - Oil and Hazardous Spills,
Poachers and Polluters
800-TIPP-DEC



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ILLEGAL DUMPING OF SOLID WASTE



Broome County Division of
Solid Waste Management

(607) 778-2250

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT ILLEGAL DUMPING

STRATEGIES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

Protecting one's own property is one of the most effective means of curbing illegal dumping. The participation of landowners is critical to solving the problem. The following strategies are relatively low cost and easily implemented:

- Keep property clean and free of debris. Illegal dumping is a problem that tends to compound itself. Once garbage is dumped at the site, leaving it there is an open invitation for more dumping.
- Cut off access to problem areas. If access is necessary, install a locked gate or posts with a chain and lock. If access by vehicle is not necessary, place permanent physical obstacles - mounds of dirt, logs, guardrail, etc.
- If you are an absentee landowner, arrange for someone to regularly check and provide upkeep for the property.
- Post signs to ward off intruders.
- Light up problem areas adjacent to residences to improve visibility and deter intruders.

These suggestions are by no means fool proof, but may help resolve minor incidents.

WASTE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

1. Participate in and encourage local recycling and waste reduction programs.
2. Sell, repair or donate used or unwanted items:
 - Scrap metal-dealers will generally pay money and may offer pickup.
 - Furniture/household goods-donate to rummage sales, Salvation Army, Goodwill, etc.
 - Landscape debris – use as mulch, compost, contact municipality regarding collection.
 - Construction & demolition debris – recycle scrap metal, separate reusable item (doors, windows, boards, etc).
 - Tires-used tires may be retreaded, or taken to the County Landfill for recycling.
 - Large appliances– call your local hauler or scrap metal dealer or bring to the County Landfill for recycling (call for details).



TO GET MORE INVOLVED



1. Organize clean-ups through your local community group or outdoor club.
2. Inform others about how to discourage illegal dumping by:
 - Protecting their own property
 - Reporting illegal dumping activity
 - Encouraging people to take pride in their area
 - Promoting acceptable waste management options.
3. Offer to help with upkeep on the property of an elderly or disabled neighbor.
4. Be involved with local decision-making: local board meetings; local representatives.
5. Contact the Broome County Sheriff Department to establish a Neighborhood Watch Program in your area.
6. Immediately report any incidents of dumping to:

**BROOME COUNTY ILLEGAL
DUMPING HOTLINE
607-778-DUMP**