

CalRecycle's Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Program Video PSA Transcript

Narrator: California's beautiful ranches and farms... spoiled by trash. Illegal dumping on privately owned ranches and farms is typically used tires, hazardous waste and litter. It is a serious problem; it's a crime and a public safety and health hazard.

Butte County Code Enforcement Officer, Scot Johnson: *"In Butte County we're really concerned about the environment. Out here we have a very shallow water table, with the illegal debris that's been dumped on this property; it poses a threat to the water table out here, the tires are dumped in ponds, the ewaste is dumped in the ponds, the cows are drinking out of the water... we really want to get this site cleaned up for the environment."*

Narrator: Another concern is that illegal dump sites often encourage more dumping. Fortunately, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery- also known as CalRecycle- provides up to \$1 million annually in cleanup grants through its Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Program. CalRecycle helps fund the removal of illegally disposed waste from farm or ranch property where the property owner was not responsible for the problem.

Butte County Code Enforcement Officer, Scot Johnson: *"...working with CalRecycle and the Farm and Ranch Grant and the Waste Tire program people, it's allowed us now to coordinate with the property owner get a contract out here, start the cleanup process, and through the Farm and Ranch grant, since the property owners are victims of this here, there is no cost to the property owner to remove all this junk and debris off the site"*

Narrator: Because private property owners can't apply directly, an eligible applicant would need to apply for the grant on their behalf. Eligible applicants include cities, counties resource conservation districts, and Native American tribes. Your property must also be zoned for agricultural use and the land must be in need of cleanup in order to stop a public health, safety, or environmental threat. CalRecycle strives to preserve and protect our farms, ranches, people and watersheds from the dangers of illegally dumped waste. You can find more info on the CalRecycle website. (Website appears on screen: www.calrecycle.ca.gov)