

Illegal Disposal Site Cleanup Assistance



CalRecycle's Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program includes a **CalRecycle Managed Remediation** program to assist entities like cities, counties, and public agencies with illegal disposal site cleanup projects they cannot solely manage.

Available Assistance

CalRecycle can:

- investigate and assist with the cleanup of publicly and privately owned property where the landowner is unwilling or unable to clean up the property in a timely manner.
- help entities by arranging to have a contractor remove and properly dispose of the solid waste when it is determined to be significant and there is a need for quick action to avoid more pollution, public health issues, nuisance, or threats to the environment.
- provide measures to help reduce dumping, including signs, fencing, or other barriers.
- help with field and laboratory testing of waste and soil.



Ineligible

Waterway cleanup and removal of waste and vessels in waterways.

Cost Recovery

CalRecycle is obligated to seek recovery of the funds used to clean up properties (Public Resources Code Section 48023). Local agencies can address cost recovery, either through their own mechanisms or by assisting CalRecycle in pursuing cost recovery.

Local agencies requesting cleanup assistance for public property may request a cost recovery waiver if those responsible cannot be identified. Projects typically exempt from cost recovery include lands that benefit the public, like public parks, public lands, and other sites owned by public entities for the benefit of and use by the public.

Helpful Documentation

- A copy of the grant deed with a legal description of the property
- Description and photos of the types and estimated quantities of waste on site
- Geographic site information such as topography, proximity to populated areas, environmentally sensitive areas, and other site-related information
- Copies of investigation reports, regulatory inspections, and enforcement orders
- Landowner information, including identity and location, ability, and willingness to help remove waste, and history of responses to requests and enforcement from local agencies
- CalRecycle Solid Waste Information System information about the site

Local Agency Contributions

CalRecycle participates in cleanups in partnership with local agencies. Local agencies can contribute with:

- A portion of funds for the project
- Legal services for an enforcement case, site access, and/or cost recovery (e.g., filing a lien on the abated property).
- Providing agency staff time and field equipment.
- Help with physical prevention measures (e.g., fencing, signage, cameras, barricades, dirt berms, additional patrolling by law enforcement or other County staff during and/ or after the cleanup)
- Payment of disposal fees or a reduction/waiver of disposal fees at government- owned facilities
- Removal and disposal of special solid waste materials (e.g., white goods, household hazardous waste, construction and demolition debris, tires, etc.).
- Site security during cleanup activities including removal of trespassers
- Providing construction materials and/or delivery of materials as needed (base rock, erosion control, soil)
- Adjudication and removal of abandoned and stolen vehicles (through the local vehicle abatement program).
- Public education and outreach programs such as fliers, website information, providing an illegal dumping hotline, etc.
- Designing cleanup project
- Providing ongoing maintenance per permit requirements (e.g., installing erosion control measures and/or maintaining these measures)

Resources and Contact Info

CalRecycle-Managed Remediation Program

calrecycle.ca.gov/swfacilities/cleanup/drrrmanaged/

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CalRecycle Solid Waste Information System (SWIS)

www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/solidwaste/site/search

All CalRecycle Grants

calrecycle.ca.gov/funding

California Grants Portal

grants.ca.gov