



Resources to Cleanup Trash Pollution

Trash pollutes our land, water, and air, and it puts our health at risk. CalRecycle can only assist directly with illegal disposal sites but has some funding and resources to help address litter and illegal dumping.

Report Locally!

Local government contacts (like public works or code enforcement teams) best handle these incidents or can connect you to those who can.

Report Illegal Dumping Map
calrecycle.ca.gov/illegaldumpingmap

Types of Trash Pollution



Litter

- A small amount of trash that is left in an open or public place
- Often includes cigarette butts, drink containers, food scraps, and other odds and ends
- Often the result of many individuals discarding small items while walking or driving instead of properly putting them into a trash or recycling bin

Illegal Dumping

- Disposal of trash generated at one location and disposed of at another location without legal permission
- Often includes larger materials like construction debris, carpet, mattresses, tires, and yard waste
- Often occurs when individuals or businesses do not want to pay or drive to properly dispose of these materials at a landfill
- Neglected dumpsites attract additional dumping and can quickly grow into illegal disposal sites



Illegal Disposal Sites

- A large amount of illegally dumped material in one area that is not permitted to receive trash
- Result from illegal dumpsites that are not cleaned up
- Often threaten public health, food supplies, animals, land, water, and air



Resources for Cities and Counties



CalRecycle offers grants, loans, and direct support like engineering and scientific services to local governments and LEAs for solid waste disposal.

LEAs

Local Enforcement Agencies (LEA) are responsible for investigating illegal disposal sites.

LEA Contacts

ww2.calrecycle.ca.gov/solidwaste/lea/directory

Grants and Assistance

Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program funds cleanup projects when the responsible party cannot be identified or cannot pay to cleanup the site.

- **Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant**
- **Legacy Disposal Site Abatement Partial Grant**
- **CalRecycle-Managed Remediation**

CleanupProgram@calrecycle.ca.gov
calrecycle.ca.gov/swfacilities/cleanup

Guidance, review of investigation/work plans, meeting participation and site visits are available upon request.

All CalRecycle Grants

calrecycle.ca.gov/funding
Grants@calrecycle.ca.gov, (916) 341-5062

Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant

calrecycle.ca.gov/lea/grantsloans/farmranch

Local Government Loans

calrecycle.ca.gov/lea/grantsloans/solidwaste/localloans

Closed, Illegal, and Abandoned (CIA) Disposal Sites Program

provides assistance with buried trash at more than 2,500 disposal sites (mostly old landfills that are no longer used).

calrecycle.ca.gov/swfacilities/cia/

California Grants Portal

grants.ca.gov

Other Assistance

Local Conservation Corps (LCC) offer non-hazardous litter cleanup services on public lands.

calrecycle.ca.gov/funding/localcc/

Statewide Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory

Committee (IDTAC) assesses illegal dumping incidents and supports local and regional agencies.

IDTAC Contacts

calrecycle.ca.gov/illegaldump/taskforce
IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov

Hazardous Waste Local government contacts will receive hazardous waste complaints. Residents can also contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for assistance.

DTSC (800) 728-6942, RAO@dtsc.ca.gov, dtsc.ca.gov/regulatory-assistance-office