

WHERE TO DUMP LEGALLY

Transfer Station:

Citizens Collection Station
2009 Old Chappell Hill Rd.
Brenham, TX 77833
(979) 922-5958

Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Household trash accepted for \$2 per bag

“Country Compost”
available at this location



RECYCLE!

You make a difference!

Illegal Dumping: A Serious Problem for Texas

Property owners, taxpayers, and local governments in Texas spend millions of dollars each year cleaning up illegal dumps.

Illegal dumping threatens our health and safety. Pollutants can seep into rivers and groundwater. Dumps can be breeding grounds for rats and mosquitoes. Children playing near illegally dumped waste can be injured.

What You Can Do

- Dispose of your litter properly and encourage others to do the same.
- Spread the word to friends and neighbors that illegal dumping is a crime; involving fines, jail time, or both.
- Organize volunteer cleanups of illegal dumpsites, to discourage dumping.
- Contact your local elected officials to let them know your concerns.
- Report illegal dumping (see inside for more information)

Illegal Dumping in Washington County

It's costing you!



Cedar Creek on Old Navasota Rd.

Taxpayers pay the cost of cleaning up dumps on public lands and right-of-ways.

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Penalties

Illegal dumping is serious business, and tough Texas laws punish dumpers with fines, jail time, or both. Here's what illegal dumpers who get caught in Texas can expect . . .

SOLID WASTE

TX Health and Safety Code, Section 365

Class C – Solid waste weighing 5 pounds or less, or with a volume of 5 gallons or less. Fine up to \$500.



Class B – Solid waste weighing more than 5 but less than 500 pounds, or with a volume of more than 5 gallons but less than 100 ft³. Jail up to 180 days and a fine up to \$2,000.



Class A – Solid waste weighing 500 – 1,000 lbs., or with a volume of 100 – 200 ft³, or disposed for a commercial purpose, weighing 5 – 200 lbs. or having a volume of 5 gallons to 200 ft³. Jail up to one 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 ft³ or more, or disposed for commercial purpose and weighing more than 200 lbs. or having a volume of 200 ft³ or more, or contained in a closed drum or barrel. Imprisonment up to two years and/or up to \$10,000 fine.



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 imprisonment up to five years.

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 a separate offense. Imprisonment up to five years and a fine of \$1,000 – \$100,000.



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 one year and fine up to \$4,000.

JUNKED VEHICLES

TX Transp. Code, Sec. 688

Inoperable vehicle visible from public right-of-way. Fine up to \$200, vehicle may be abated.



“OK - So who do I Call?”

To report illegal dumping or to get more information about legal disposal options, contact:

Washington County
Environmental Health Dept.
3650 Highway 36 North
Brenham, TX 77833
(979) 277-6290
Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Or

email: jgamboa@wacounty.com

Or

To report illegal dumping in progress after normal business hours call Communications at (979) 277-7373

Who Are We?

The Washington County Environmental Health Department, working to prevent illegal dumping and other environmental crimes.



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