

More Information

WEBSITES

- www.epa.gov/regulatory-information-topic/regulatory-and-guidance-information-topic-waste.
- www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/
- www.rcwaste.org/opencms/
- www.earth911.com/recycling-center-search-guides

Waste Disposal Locations

Coachella Valley Transfer Station
87-011A Landfill Rd Coachella, CA 92236

Please Call @ (760) 863-4094

- **Household Trash and Large, Bulky Item**
Dispose of trash and bulky items
- **Tires** - Recycle your unused or used tires
- **E-Waste** - Recycle E-Waste

PS Permanent HHW Collection Facility
1100 Vella Rd.
Palm Springs, CA 92264

Please Call @ (760) 327- 1351

- **Paint** - Recycle used paint
- **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** -
(Incl. paints, pesticides, automotive oil, cleaning products, batteries, and fluorescent lighting)

Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Environmental Protection Agency

Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Environmental Protection Agency was established in 1995 as a branch of the Tribal Government in partnership with the U.S. EPA. The Tribal EPA has developed regulatory, non-regulatory, and education/outreach programs with the objective of ensuring the health and safety of the people while preserving the environment of the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indian Reservation.

Tribal EPA programs include Water Quality Management, Solid and Hazardous Waste Management, Data Management, GIS, Environmental Emergency Response, and Tribal EPA Administration.



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What's Illegal Dumping?

Disposing of solid and liquid waste at any location that isn't legally approved to accept waste is considered **illegal dumping**. Besides spoiling the natural beauty of our environment, illegal dumping hurts our communities.

Illegal dumping can disrupt natural processes on land and in the water. Dumping can interfere with proper drainage of runoff. Areas are more susceptible to flooding when waste blocks ravines, creeks, culverts, and drainage basins. In rural areas, burning at dump sites can cause forest fires and severe erosion as fires burn away trees and undergrowth. The run-off from improper disposal of toxic substances such as motor oil or household cleansers can contaminate lakes, streams, and drinking water supplies.

Dumpsites with scrap tires provide an ideal breeding ground for mosquitos, which can multiply 100 times faster than normal in the warm, Stagnant water standing in scrap tire casings. Severe illnesses, including encephalitis and dengue fever, have been attributed to disease-carrying mosquitos originating from scrap tire piles.

Decomposing garbage can provide food and habitat for mice and other rodents. Rodents are carriers of both the Hantavirus and Plague.

Dumping also has a negative impact on plants and wildlife. Many birds and small animals die after ingesting or becoming entangled in debris. Fish and other aquatic species are killed when decomposing litter and food wastes in streams deplete oxygen supplies in the water. Refuse in a stream can also clog fish spawning areas.



The Dangers of Illegal Dumping

Aside from being an eyesore, illegal dumping wreaks havoc on the environment. As previously mentioned, chemicals from wastes and certain appliances can leach into soil and local waterways causing damage to plants, wildlife, and water quality. Other issues include increased risk of flooding and forest fires. Even if you aren't the one committing the crime, you're still the one paying for it in more ways than one. There are the obvious ways that you are affected, from neighborhood blight to the negative stigma that comes with it. On top of that, waste pollutes the local environment and places a financial burden on you if the city needs to step in for the cleanup.



Economic Impacts

The presence of illegal dumps results in a decrease of neighborhood property values. The community as a whole also becomes unattractive to prospective commercial and residential developers. The loss of commercial development is especially damaging in poor countries where the unemployment rate is high and new employment opportunities are desperately needed. Also, without the tax revenues that accompany development, the funding available to establish and maintain effective illegal dumping prevention programs is limited.



Don't Dump Illegally!

There is no excuse for disposing of your waste and recyclables anywhere except in an authorized landfill, transfer station or recycling center.

If You See Someone Dumping

Do not confront them. Immediately call Public Safety **760-398-4722**

Be Sure to Record ...

- A description of the people involved
- A description of vehicle
- The location or address of the illegal dump site
- What was dumped
- Date and time of the incident.
- Any other identifying information

If You See a Dump Site

- Do not pick through the trash or disturb the dump. Dumpsites can pose serious health risks.
- Do not let your children play in or near the dump.
- To report a site, contact your local or tribal police dept, or check with your tribe's environmental department;
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