Illegal Dumping Action Plan Update

March 16, 2022
What is Illegal Dumping?

Illegal dumping is any unauthorized disposal of waste on any public or private property. Usually to avoid collection and disposal fees or because the illegal dumper believes proper disposal is just “too much trouble.”
How Does it Affect Our Community?

There are three main reasons: Money, quality of life, and the environment.

Illegal dumping:

- Is a community eyesore
- Decreases neighborhood property values
- Costs taxpayers millions of dollars in clean-up costs
- Negatively impacts plants and wildlife
- Poses safety hazards to people, especially children
- Provides a breeding ground for disease-carrying rodents, insects, and other vermin
- Disrupts natural land and water processes and ruins wildlife habitat
- Pollutes surface and groundwater
Who Handles Illegal Dumping?

Public Right-of-Way
Public Works

Private Property
Code Enforcement
Incidents are the work orders that have been created, it includes requests made by the public as well as the ones created by the crews who are out driving around. When Maintenance staff notices dumping in an area they will pick it up and create a work order.

Locations - Number of different locations attached to the work orders (some locations are reported multiple times).

Tonnage - Collected from WM reports.

Current year to date total of incidents, 567 compared to last year 655 (during the same time period July through January). If trend continues, the number of reports will decrease by over 150.
Code Enforcement Efforts

The total number of "cases" results from proactive enforcement action or a community complaint. Citations are issued due to non-compliance of a property owner or directly to the person responsible for the dumping.
Options Now Available

**Landfill Vouchers**
- Trash - One Ton Voucher
- Trash - One Ton Voucher
- Turf/Soil - Two Ton Voucher

**HHW & E-Waste Events**
- Events

**Bulky Item Collections**
- Up to 4 Bulky Items collected curbside 4 times per year!

*per year (July - June) *

**ATTENTION ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENTS!**

FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) & ELECTRONIC WASTE (EWASTE) DISPOSAL
1ST & 3RD SATURDAY EACH MONTH
9 AM - 3 PM
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Partnerships with Private Organizations

Quarterly meetings with organizations.

A calendar will be made available online to reserve and coordinate clean-up events.

A set number of roll off bins specifically for these clean up events are being negotiated in amendment to the Solid Waste Collections Franchise Agreement.
Civic Center Clean-Up

- A Request for Bid was posted on February 22, 2022 and closed on March 3, 2022; there is a total of XX responses received and currently under review.
- The targeted area for services is from the 14 Freeway to 15th Street East, between Avenue Q and Avenue S.
- The strategy includes a job-skill-development component.
City is finalizing new agreement with the Mattress Recycling Council to become a public drop off site.

Tentative operational hours for public drop off of mattresses are Wednesdays from 8am to 3pm and on the fourth Saturday of every month from 9am to 12pm.
Code Enforcement will continue to enforce the Municipal Code.

1. Tow (seize) a vehicle for dumping; PMC 9.47.030
2. Misdemeanor cite for illegal dumping (with aggravating circumstances)
3. Fines: 1st offense is $2,500, 2nd offense is $5,000, and 3rd offense is $10,000
4. Suspend a business license for illegal dumping; PMC 5.04.310

- Misdemeanors cite for illegal hauler operating without a business license which would be two misdemeanors - one for dumping and one for operating a business without a business license.

- Staff is currently working on the City's Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D) Ordinance.

- Staff is proposing to include language in the current business license application that references AB 246, which allows the Contractors State License Board to "deny the licensure of, or cite, temporarily suspend, or permanently revoke any license or registration" of a contractor found guilty of illegally dumping.
Surveillance Cameras

- Staff has obtained cameras and have set them up at a hot spot area as a pilot program.
- If the program is effective, cameras will be installed at various hot spot locations.
- Updates will be provided as program continues.
Multifamily Complex Outreach & Education

- The City received a grant from the Mattress Recycling Council to develop behavior change elements in multifamily housing units.
- It paid for the City's Lightning Loader wrap to promote education on how to properly dispose of items.
- The pilot program is in progress and should be completed by Q2 of 2022.
Items for Future Implementation

- RV Dump Site
- Geo-Fencing
- Reward for Reporting Illegal Dumpers
- Regional Behavior Change Strategy

REWARD
Items Completed

- Require All New High-Density Residential, Multifamily, and Commercial Construction Projects to Provide a Waste and Recycling Plan
- Add Waste and Recycling Service Verification as part of the Rental Unit Inspection Program
- Adopt an Illegal Hauler Ordinance
- Mandatory Commercial Recycling and Mandatory Organics Recycling Non-Compliance Fee
- Partnering with LA County on an Expanded Schedule of Collection Events
Season of Service

Upcoming Events

This Season of Service, we will be doing monthly desert clean-ups.

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Season of Service

Join the City of Palmdale's Community Programs division for one of these Season of Service opportunities — together, we can make a difference in Palmdale.

**Upcoming Events**

**Graffiti Removal**
- **9 am - 12 pm**
- Domecic Mason Park
- We will provide work gloves, masks, and sunscreen.
- Please wear comfortable shoes.
- Volunteers will be paired with a team.

**Safety Painting**
- **9 am - 12 pm**
- Domecic Mason Park
- We will provide work gloves, masks, and sunscreen.
- Please wear comfortable shoes.
- Volunteers will be paired with a team.

**Desert Clean Up**
- **8:30 am - 12:30 pm**
- Meet at the corner of Division and Ave O
- We will provide work gloves, masks, and sunscreen.

**Gopher Burrow Backfilling**
- **9 am - 12 pm**
- Domecic Mason Park
- We will provide work gloves, masks, and sunscreen.

**Event Information**
- To sign up, visit the City of Palmdale's website or call 661-625-9193.
- Sign up for upcoming events at www.cityofpalmdale.com/events.
- Volunteers may bring a lunch.

- **Contact Information**
  - City of Palmdale Community Programs
  - 661-625-9193
  - CommunityPrograms@cityofpalmdale.com

- **Volunteer Agreement**
  - By volunteering, you agree to adhere to all rules and regulations.
  - You also agree to indemnify the City of Palmdale from any and all claims.

- **Location Information**
  - Domecic Mason Park
  - 37700 Highland Street
  - Palmdale, CA 93550

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For more information, please contact the City of Palmdale Community Programs at 661-625-9193.
Paint Recycling & Reuse Event

Paper Shredding Event

Used Oil & Filter Collection/Exchange Event
LA County Partnership

FREE TIRE COLLECTION EVENT
Bring your scrap tires to our FREE collection event.
Saturday, April 30, 2022 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

FREE Mattress Recycling Collection Events
For residents only. Mattresses/box springs will not be accepted from commercial business haulers.

Drop off up to 10 mattresses/box springs for free at the following locations and times:

April 2, 2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Public Works Road Yard 553
8505 E. Avenue T, Littlerock 93543

April 2, 2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Public Works Road Yard 557
38126 Sierra Hwy., Palmdale 93550

May 7, 2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Lakes Community Center
17520 Elizabeth Lake Rd
Lake Hughes 93532

April 9, 2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Public Works Road Yard 553
17341 E. Avenue J, Lake LA 93535

April 9, 2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Public Works Road Yard 557
38126 Sierra Hwy., Palmdale 93550

For more information, visit CleanLA.com or call 1(888) CLEAN LA.
To Contact City Staff:
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