



## Contact Code Enforcement

For Information:

Call: 916-874-6444

E-mail: [saccode@sacounty.gov](mailto:saccode@sacounty.gov)

Or Visit:

<https://code-enforcement.sacounty.gov>

## To Report a Concern Regarding a Possible Violation of Local Codes:

Call: 311 or 916-875-4311

Or Visit:

<https://311.sacounty.gov>

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Code Enforcement Division  
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Sacramento, CA 95827

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## Illegal Dumping

(Public Right-Of-Way)



## Code Enforcement Mission:

To promote and maintain a high quality of life where people live and work.

## What is Illegal Dumping?

Illegal Dumping occurs when a person places, deposits, dumps or accumulates refuse on or in any public or private street, public right-of way or easement, gutter or sidewalk, or any public or private property within the unincorporated area of the County.

*(See section 6.20.130 of the Sacramento County Code)*



The County may investigate an actionable report of illegal dumping. The County does not abate illegal dumping unless it's on a public right-of-way. Moving dumped items to the public right-of-way is an additional act of illegal dumping and may also be investigated.

## Why is Illegal Dumping a Problem?

When illegal dumping occurs, the damage to neighborhoods and the environment can be severe:

- Property values decline.
- Unreported illegal dumping often results in more illegal dumping.
- Illegally dumped material can become a breeding ground for vectors, such as mice, rats and mosquitoes, which can spread diseases such as encephalitis, Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome and West Nile Disease.
- Illegal dumping is hazardous to the environment. From refrigerators to tires to auto parts to televisions, many contain heavy metals and other toxins.
- Illegal dumping piles pose a traffic hazard when left in the public right-of-way.



## What is the County Doing to Combat Illegal Dumping?

The county has assembled a multi-agency and multi-department team combat the problem. We have a zero tolerance policy towards illegal dumpers and anyone caught faces citation and arrest. Fines range from \$100 to \$1,000. Depending on the quantity of materials, the first and second offenses are typically prosecuted as an infraction. A third violation is typically pursued as a misdemeanor.



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## How can You Help?

- Report it! Sacramento County rewards those who witness illegal dumping on the public right-of-way and provide information leading to the conviction of the illegal dumper. Call 311 or 916-875-4311 for details, or to report dumping. Information leading to a conviction can result in a \$1,000 reward.
- Properly dispose of your waste by taking advantage of the Neighborhood Clean Up Service, which allows county residents the flexibility to schedule a pick-up of bulky waste once per year. Call 916-875-5555 for details.
- Hire a specially licensed Junk & Rubbish Hauler. Call 916-874-6644 for details.

**For more information, visit:**  
[illegaldumping.saccounty.gov](http://illegaldumping.saccounty.gov)

## Code Enforcement's Goal

Code Enforcement's goal is to prevent the physical and aesthetic deterioration of our community. By enforcing the County codes, we can help you clean up your neighborhoods and maintain a healthy and safe environment.

Together, we can help reduce crime and poverty, protect the health and well-being of our residents, and help maintain property values. When you purchased your home, business, or property, you made an investment in not only in the property itself, but you also invested in the community.

As a property owner, you can positively impact your property and community by adhering to the County codes, keeping your property tidy, and reporting those who do not; thus, preserving and enhancing your community for future generations.

## How You Can Help?

- **Keep automobile repair limited to personal, minor repair.**
- **Keep both developed and undeveloped property free of trash, debris, and excessive foliage.**
- **Fence or board properties which might attract trespassers or vandals.**
- **Keep grounds and structures clean and tidy.**
- **Park in designated parking.**
- **Learn and adhere to local zoning and code regulations.**
- **Do not tolerate illicit activity.**
- **Cooperate in good faith should you receive a complaint.**
- **Report violations and nuisances.**

**This is Your Community! Let's work together to keep it clean and safe!**

**Report Your Concerns: Call 311**