

Illegal Dumping



What is illegal dumping?

In Queensland, the unlawful deposit of any amount of waste is an offence, and penalties apply. Illegal dumping is the unlawful disposal of any type of waste material that is 200 litres or more in volume (about the volume of a wheelie bin). Illegal dumping can occur in many areas including:

- bushland, parks and forests
- roadsides
- outside of charity bins and shops
- on the kerbside (outside of collection time).

Common illegally dumped items include:

- household rubbish
- garden waste
- tyres
- chemical drums and paint tins
- asbestos
- household goods (such as whitegoods, TVs, mattresses and furniture)
- building waste (construction and demolition materials).

Dumping is damaging Queensland

Illegal dumping is a serious issue. It damages our environment, and affects the use, enjoyment and value of our public spaces. It also costs millions of dollars each year in clean-up expenses—money that could go to other community services and amenities.

Dumping green waste and soil can also introduce invasive pests and weeds, and increase the risk of wildfires.

Fines for illegal dumping

Queenslanders agree it's not OK to use our community as a dumpsite! Unfortunately, a small number of people are spoiling our natural areas for everyone else. Illegal dumping is a crime and you can be reported and fined.

FINES FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING ARE MORE THAN

\$2,500 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND UP TO \$161,300 IN COURT

\$8,000 FOR A CORPORATION AND UP TO \$806,500 IN COURT.



- ▶ see it
- ▶ report it
- ▶ stop it

Dispose of your waste the right way

Your council website provides information about local disposal options, including locations of landfill or waste transfer stations; opening hours; tipping costs; and items that you can dispose of for free, including green waste.

Report dumping

You can report illegal dumping at www.qld.gov.au/litter.

Pin the location and add photos of the waste to the report.

Make sure you get as many details as you can, including:

- time, date, place and description of litter
- registration number, make/model, colours, or distinguishing features of vehicle
- description of the person making the offence (including location in vehicle, clothing, gender).

If it is safe, take photos, but for your own safety don't approach the person depositing the waste.