

Illegal Dumping

The City of Adelanto hauls away hundreds of tons of junk and rubbish illegally dumped in the public right-of-way every year. From construction debris to refrigerators, this trashing blights our neighborhoods, pollutes our rivers and streams, drives down property values, and costs City tax and rate payers hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.

Illegal dumping is a problem that we can work on together. If you see illegal dumping activities in progress, Report It! The City of Adelanto is dedicated to combating and reducing illegal dumping.

Get involved! With your help, we can continue to reduce blight of illegal dumping in our communities.

About Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is often a crime of opportunity and occurs in remote locations of the City or in low income neighborhoods. When illegal dumping occurs, the damage to neighborhoods and the environment can be severe:

- Property values decline where illegal dumping is rampant.
- Unreported illegal dumping results in more illegal dumping - illegal dumpers find an easy location and keep coming back.
- Illegally dumped material quickly becomes a breeding habitat for vectors, such as mice, rats and mosquitoes, which can spread diseases such as encephalitis, hantavirus pulmonary syndrome and West Nile Disease. For the health and safety of yourself and your family, report illegal dumping piles!
- Illegal dumping is hazardous to the environment. Refrigerators, tires, auto parts and televisions may contain heavy metals and other toxins.
- Illegal dumping piles pose a traffic hazard when left in the public right-of-way.
- Illegal dumping costs City tax and rate payers hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.

Without the help of all City residents and visitors, this problem is almost certain to grow.

When You Are Caught Dumping Illegally

The City of Adelanto has a zero tolerance policy towards illegal dumpers. Anyone caught faces citation and arrest. Fines begin at \$250 and can go as high as \$3,000. Defendants are charged under Penal Code Section 374.3, subsections A and H. Depending on the quantity of materials, the first offense is generally handled administratively. Subsequent violations are typically pursued as a misdemeanor.

Illegal Dumping Convictions

- First offense: \$250 to \$1,000
- Second offense: \$500 to \$1,500
- Third offense: \$750 to \$3,000
(If the courts finds that the waste matter placed, deposited, or dumped was used tires, the fine prescribed shall be doubled.)