



How to Report an Illegal Dumpsite

If you come across a dump site, please report it. Always start at the local level as local officials are familiar with properties and residents. See if any of the following exist where the violation occurred: Local Police or Municipal Code Enforcement Officer (local or county). (Westmoreland Cleanways has NO enforcement authority.)

If local agencies do not exist, contact one of the following agencies:

- **Keep PA Beautiful**- has an online reporting form. The report will be passed along to the correct agency. (They have NO enforcement authority.)
- **PA State Police** – [724-832-3288](tel:724-832-3288) The State Police will have jurisdiction if the violation takes place on public land or a state road right-of-way, or if the dumping is on public or private land that does not fall under local police jurisdiction.
- **PA Department of Environmental Protection** – [724-925-5500](tel:724-925-5500) – Call if you witness illegal dumping on public or private property. They don't respond to litter complaints.
- **PA Fish and Boat Commission** – [814-445-8974](tel:814-445-8974) – Report littering or dumping of trash that lies on or near surface waters, particularly trout streams.
- **PA Game Commission** – [724-238-5639](tel:724-238-5639) – Report littering or dumping on State Game Lands and on private property that is open to hunting.
- **PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry** – [724-238-1200](tel:724-238-1200)– Report littering or dumping in State Forests or State Parks.

When reporting:

- Have as much information as possible about the dump location such as route numbers/street names, state park/forest name, game land number, trail name, landmarks, GPS coordinates, municipality name, etc.
- Have a general idea of the amount of and the types of material dumped, for example is it bags of trash, construction material, tires, furniture, etc.

For your own safety: If you observe someone dumping, DO NOT APPROACH THEM. Instead, note down the license plate number and description of vehicle (make, model, year, condition of vehicle), the date and the time of the incident, and the traveling direction of the vehicle. If photos or videos can be safely taken, snap a few.

Reporting an illegal dump site helps protect our neighborhoods, waterways, and public spaces. If you spot one, don't ignore it. Your report could be the first step toward getting the site cleaned up and preventing further dumping.