

PROTECT OUR STORM DRAIN SYSTEM AND OUR WATERWAYS

Illegally dumped trash and debris can get swept or washed into the streets, storm drains or waterways, which can cause the following problems:



HAZARDS AND RISKS: Debris such as tree limbs, branches, large appliances and construction materials illegally dumped into streams, creeks, rivers and adjacent areas can create blockages in our storm drain system. This can increase the risk of flooding and can create stagnant water areas which are breeding grounds for mosquitos. These areas also attract rodents and other pests that can make these areas unsafe for human use.

ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE: Illegally dumped material can damage vegetation which increases stream bank erosion causing sedimentation in our creeks. Hazardous materials can contaminate the soil, groundwater and surface water. These sites can impact the local wildlife and plants thus damaging our local ecosystems and natural resources.

DECREASING PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY VALUE: Illegal dump sites serve as a magnet for additional dumping and other criminal activities. These areas become unattractive to the local community and can decrease commercial and residential property values.

RISING COSTS: Illegally dumped waste in our storm drainage system and waterways significantly adds infrastructure maintenance costs to the City of Arlington and contaminated water resources increase costs for the treatment of our drinking water.

Report Illegal Dumping

The City's Stormwater Pollution Ordinance Article 3.01c prohibits dumping trash, rubbish, yard waste or other floatable material into the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) or the storm drainage system. Go to www.arlingtontx.gov/citysecretary/code-ordinances for more information.

The Community's help is essential to catching and deterring illegal dumping. If you observe someone illegally dumping into the storm drain system, creek, stream or call the City of Arlington's Action Center at 817-459-6777 or file an online report at www.arlingtontx.gov/contact.

Provide the following information:

- Date, Time and location of incident
- Description of vehicle and license plate number
- Description of person(s) dumping
- What items/materials were being dumped

Some of the most common materials illegally dumped into our storm drains and waterways are:

- Construction and Demolition debris (drywall, shingles, lumber, bricks, concrete, siding)
- Large appliances, Abandoned vehicles, Automobile parts and tires; old, used, or soiled furniture
- Leaves and Grass clippings, Tree limbs and branches
- Household garbage, Medical waste, Household Hazardous waste products such as cleaners, paints, cooking oil, motor oil, and other automotive fluids

Visit www.arlingtontx.gov/recycle for more information on proper disposal of the above items.

