



COUNTY OF MONTEREY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ILLEGAL DUMPING IN MONTEREY COUNTY

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Board Referral

- Receive a status update regarding stakeholder involvement and staff work on the Monterey County Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Task Force; and
- Provide direction regarding amending Monterey County Code Chapter 10.41 to further address litter and illegal dumping in Monterey County.

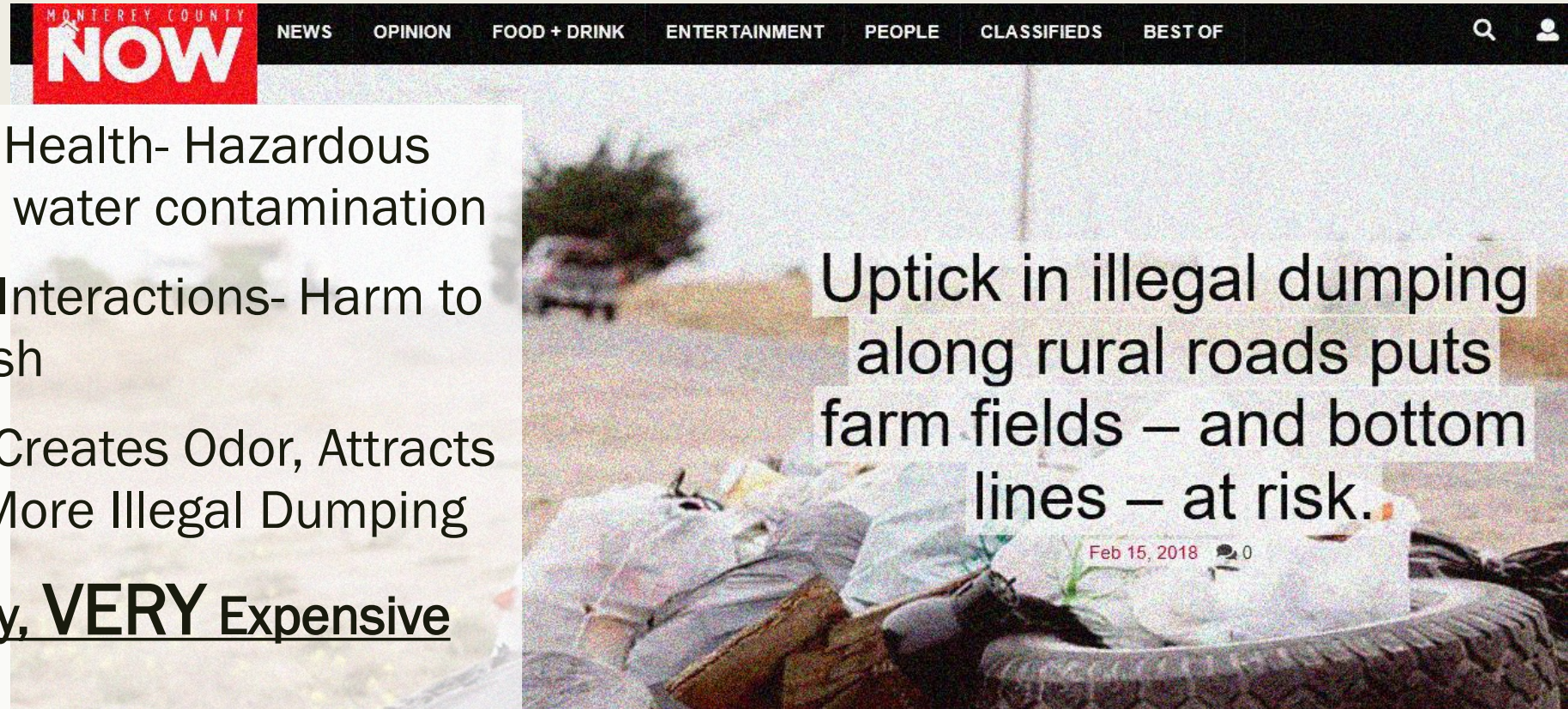


Status Update: Illegal Dumping in Monterey county

- Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Task Force
 - *Formerly Monterey County Ad Hoc Illegal Dumping Task Force*
 - *Created by County Administrative Officer on May 2, 1996*
 - *Responsibilities include fact finding, public education, and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors*
 - *Original members: Environmental Health, Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Works, CAO*



What's Wrong With Illegal Dumping?





Public Works Collected (2014- Present) :

- 21,424 Bags of Trash
- 2,397 Mattresses
- 4,256 Tires
- Disposal Cost \$210,159.00
- Labor - \$1,744,153.00 (+ overhead & equipment)





Who/what are we dealing with and Why?

- Illegal dumping/litter due to
 - Lack of knowledge of low cost or no cost recyclable opportunities
 - Individuals/businesses lack funds for disposal cost
 - Lack of affordable housing
 - Some people just don't care
- What are we dealing with?
 - A large percentage of illegal dumped materials **are recyclable items!**
 - Hazardous materials/waste (waste oil, road oils, unknowns etc.)
 - Regulated items (tires, waste oils, pesticides)





What We are Doing- Our Solutions

- **Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Task Force (IDALATF)**

Working group of local stakeholders who meet monthly to discuss and work on illegal dumping/litter issues.

- **Earth Day Events-**

All of April is Earth Day Month with organized park and community clean-ups; tabling at local businesses with info on free disposal and recycling





What We are Doing- Our Solutions

■ Disposal Vouchers

Issued 114 vouchers (2015-present) to the public to help with disposal costs for illegal dumping on private properties and open spaces.

■ Solid Waste Vehicle Inspection Program

Annual routine inspection of all vehicles that transport solid waste on county roads




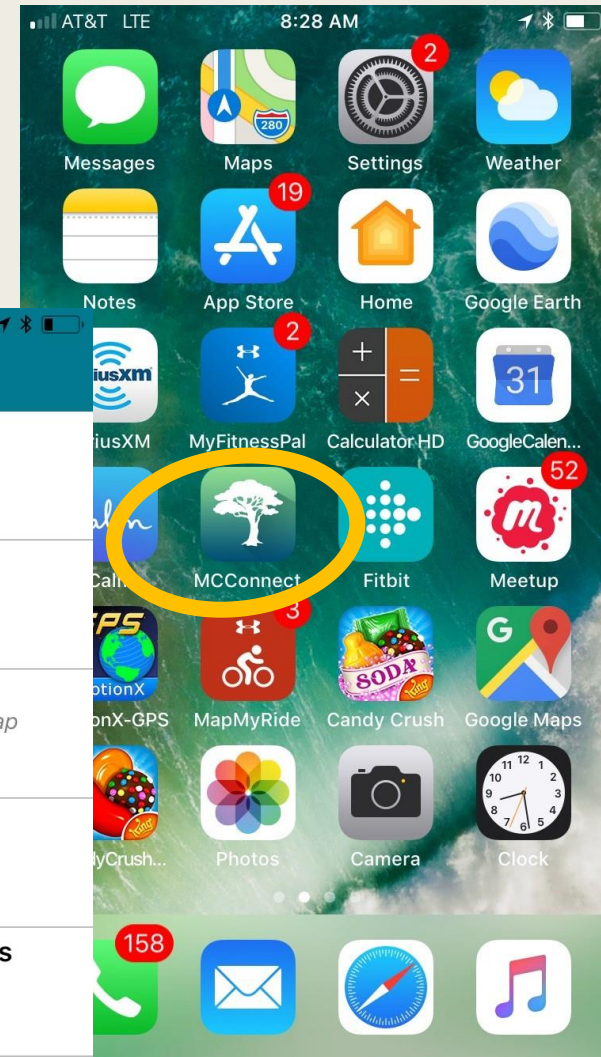
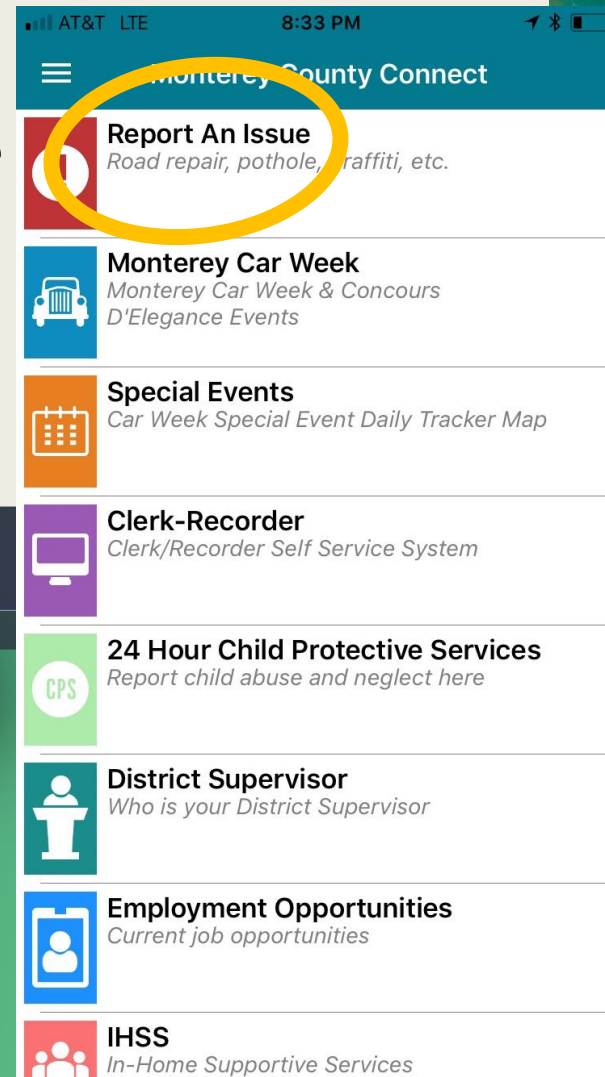
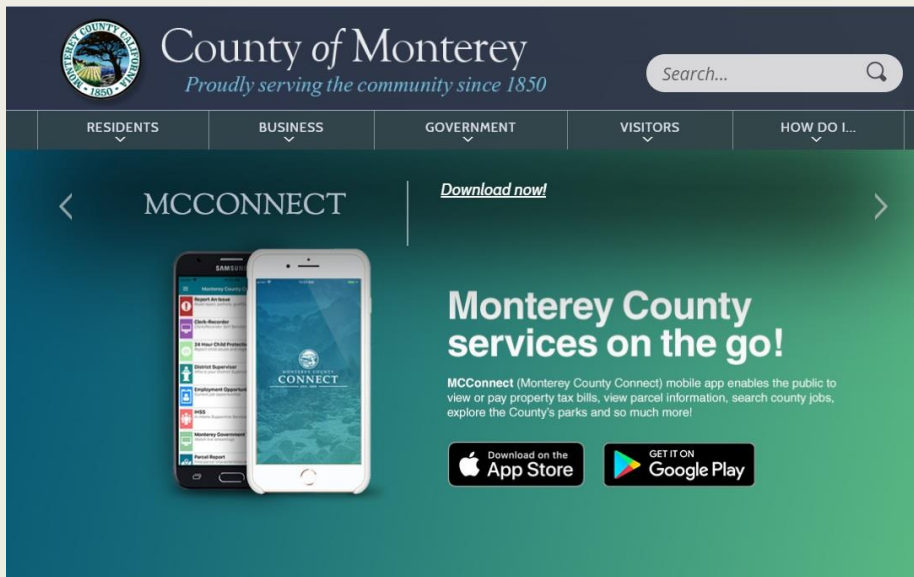


What We are Doing- Our Solutions

■ Online Resources

Apps that provide the public free and accessible reporting of illegal dumping/litter

- Monterey County Connect 
- Keep Monterey County Clean
- Salinas Connect





What We are Doing- Our Solutions

- Utilize Appropriate Media
- MOU
- Illegal Dumping Brochure
- Farm & Ranch Grant



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Disposal coupons let property owners get rid of illegally dumped waste for free.

Permitted Disposal Facilities In Monterey County

Johnson Canyon Landfill (ABQP)
31400 Johnson Canyon Road, Gonzales
(831) 675-2165
Mon-Fri 7 AM - 4 PM, Sat-Sun 8 AM - 4 PM

John Road Transfer Station
5254 John Road, King City
(831) 356-9213
Mon-Fri 8 AM - 4PM, Sat 8 AM - 12 PM

Salinas Transfer Station
1120 Madison Lane, Salinas
(831) 754-2500
Mon-Fri 7 AM - 4 PM

Sun Street Transfer Station (HHW)
139 Sun Street, Salinas
(831) 424-5535
Mon-Sat 7 AM - 5 PM, Sat 8 AM - 4 PM

Monterey Regional Waste Management District (RH-W)
1420 The Florio Blvd., Marina
(831) 354-5113
Mon-Fri 7 AM - 4 PM, Sat 8 AM - 4 PM
HHW Tues 8AM - 12PM

Bradley Transfer Station
Off El Carrizo-Bradley Road, Bradley
(800) 321-8226, Sat 8 AM - 12 PM

Carmel Valley Transfer Station
Pine Road, Carmel Valley
(800) 321-8226, Fri-Sat 8 AM - 3 PM

San Ardo Transfer Station
Castellano Road, San Ardo
(800) 321-8226, Sat 8 AM - 12 PM

• HHW indicates sites accept Household Hazardous Waste (eg. Paint, batteries, oil). Hours maybe different than those listed. Call site for details. Deposit is often FREE!

• POB indicates sites accept Appliances, Batteries, Oil & etc.



(e.g. trash, rubbish, garbage) to create a health and safety hazard or a public nuisance even on one's own property. With few exceptions, weekly solid waste pickups are mandatory at all residential, commercial, and industrial sites. It is illegal to dispose of trash in dumpsters or containers other than your own, or to bury waste (except dead animals).

Residents may haul their own waste to a permitted disposal site. Commercial haulers must obtain a permit from the Monterey County Health Department and must follow the requirements of each city where they operate. Please call (831) 755-4505 for more information.

What is Illegal Dumping ?

Illegal dumping is the disposal of solid waste at a site other than a permitted disposal facility, such as a landfill or transfer station.



Special Wastes

Hazardous Waste

Hazardous Wastes are those that may ignite, explode, are corrosive, or are toxic to living organisms. Examples include used motor oil, TV tubes, computer monitors, batteries, solvents, antifreeze, and paint.

For more information on proper hazardous waste disposal, contact a permitted disposal facility, or Monterey County Hazardous Materials Services at (831) 755-4511. Disposal of household hazardous waste is often free.

Medical Waste (Sharps)

Sharps waste means any device having acute rigid corners or edges capable of cutting or piercing, including needles, syringes, and blades (sharps). Sharps are often home generated from self medication. A rigid sharps container must be used to store sharps waste until it can be taken to an appropriate facility. FREE disposal is available. For more information contact the Monterey County Solid Waste Section at (831) 755-4505.

BROCHURE PRODUCED WITH THE HELP OF THE FOLLOWING:
MONTEREY COUNTY HEALTH, SHERIFF, PUBLIC WORKS, WATER RESOURCES AGENCY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CALTRANS DISTRICT 1, THE MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF DISTRICT CLERKS, SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, REPUBLIC SERVICES OF SALINAS, THE CITEL DIGITAL WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC., MONTEREY COUNTY FARM BUREAU, GROWER-SHIPPER ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, ELKHEAD SLOUGH FOUNDATION, PORT AND RAISE AUTHORITY.

Illegal Dumping



1270 Natividad Road, Salinas, CA 93906

Rewards for Reporting

Individuals who provide a and/or testimony at a crime that results in the conviction of fines to an offender may be eligible for 50% of any fine or penalty collected.

Get Involved

Free Disposal Voucher Program

Free disposal vouchers are available if you have been victim of illegal dumping, or if you would like to organize a community clean up event. For more information contact the Monterey County Health Department at (831)755-4505.

Recycle Your Waste

For disposal or reuse information call 1-800-Cleanup or visit www.1800cleanup.org. You may also contact Monterey County Recycling Services at (831) 755-4505.

Adopt-A-Road or Highway

To Adopt A Road call (831) 755-4918
To Adopt A Highway call (831) 372-1132

work to clean these sites. Illegal dumping also threatens human health and safety by attracting mosquitoes, rats, and flies. They also are a fire hazard, and may contain dangerous hazardous materials.

How Can We Stop It?

Report Offenders

If you observe someone in the act of illegally dumping, contact the police department immediately (911). Record the license plate number and description of the vehicle and person(s) involved, the date and time of the incident, and the exact location. Do not approach the person(s).

If you encounter an illegal dump site by a roadside, please contact either the Monterey County Public Works Dept. (831-755-4800), CalTrans (831-753-0187), or the Public Works Department of the city where the waste is located.

Report dump sites or solid waste accumulation located on private property to the Monterey County Health Dept., Division of Environmental Health, at (831) 755-4505.

You can also report illegal dumping and litter online at:

www.keepmontereycountyclean.org



Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau added 9 new photos from January 17, 2018 to the album: Illegal Dumping January 17, 2019.

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Hazardous Materials found on Blanco Road near Reservation Road and Johnson Canyon Road.



Illegal Dumping January 17, 2019
9 Photos

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What We are Doing- Our Solutions

■ IDALATF Accomplishments:

- Working forum of public agencies, non-profits, and citizens
- Coordinate community clean-up events
- Presentation to Farm Bureau members and farm workers
- Website

■ Illegal Dumping Ordinance

ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER ABATEMENT TASK FORCE

WHAT IS IT?

The Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Task Force (IDALATF) is a working group with members from local, state and county government, waste haulers and landfill operators, law enforcement agencies, and the general public. Our members of the community, as well as private landowners and ranchers, whose only focus is to reduce illegal dumping in Monterey County.

Initially created by the County Administrative Office in May of 1996, and subsequently approved by the Board of Supervisors, the task force began as an ad hoc committee with a mission to reduce illegal dumping through public education and community clean-ups, enforcement of mandatory garbage requirements, and inter-agency cooperation.

Today, our mission is the same - reduce illegal dumping in Monterey County. The impact of illegal dumping to the community comes at a cost affecting public health and safety, land values, quality of life, environmental contamination, and food safety. We are committed to solving this problem.

The Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau is chair of the IDALATF and meetings are held monthly. The public is welcome to attend.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE AND/OR BECOME A MEMBER?

The efforts to mitigate illegal dumpsites and litter is a task that must be addressed through a unified effort of community, and state and local public agencies, by way of education, increased recycling, funding of clean-up activities, and action.

NEXT MEETING

Everyone is welcome to attend the IDALATF meetings, discussing and taking part in a collaborate effort to mitigate illegal dumping. Your feedback is important to us!

To participate in the next meeting, please contact:

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WHAT IS ILLEGAL DUMPING?



[Click Here to Find Out!](#)



Existing Regulations

- **Monterey County Code, Chapter 10.41.040 (A):**

A person shall not throw or deposit, or cause to be thrown or deposited, any refuse upon any premises whatsoever except at a permitted disposal facility.

- **California Penal Code 374.3 (A):**

It is unlawful to dump or cause to be dumped waste matter in or upon a public or private highway or road, including any portion of the right-of-way thereof, or in or upon private property into or upon which the public is admitted by easement or license, or upon private property without the consent of the owner, or in or upon a public park or other public property other than property designated or set aside for that purpose by the governing board or body having charge of that property.



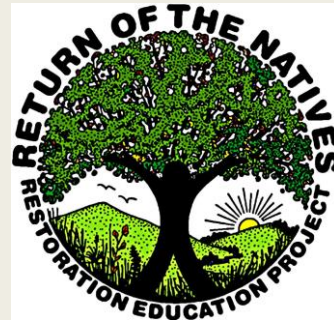
Illegal Dumping Ordinance

- Whistle blower incentive program
 - *Not an effective intervention strategy*
 - *Requires coordination between DA, Sheriff and County Counsel*
 - *No penalty fees*
 - *Cumbersome*
 - *Time consuming*
- Effective pro-active efforts and solutions
 - *Community education*
 - *Access to resources*
 - *Collaboration*
 - *Focus on youth*

Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Task Force Members



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