

Solid Waste Acceptance Locations For Proper Disposal of Unwanted Items



Montgomery County, Maryland
Department of Environmental Protection
Illegal Dumping Fact Sheet

Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station

16101 Frederick Road, Derwood 240.777.0311

Cars Only: Enter on Frederick Rd (Rte. 355)
Monday-Friday: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Trucks Only: Enter on Shady Grove Road
Monday-Saturday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

No charge for household loads under 500 lb
The Public Unloading Facility accepts: trash,
bulk items, building materials

The processing facility accepts: oil, antifreeze,
batteries, used cooking oil, metal, up to four
tires, other recyclable materials, household haz-
ardous waste, paper, textiles, yard trim, elec-
tronic devices. For a complete list see:
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep

Satellite Drop-off Site

Poolesville Highway Maintenance Depot
19200 Jerusalem Church Road, Poolesville
Saturday: 8:00am-4:00pm

This facility accepts: antifreeze, fencing, lumber/
wood/demolition debris, mattresses, bulk trash.
The following items must be taken to the Trans-
fer Station: commercial waste, household trash,
scrap metal, and yard trim.
Call 240.777.0311 for more information.

**Medical/pathological wastes, chemicals,
pesticides, or any other hazardous or toxic
waste MAY NOT be taken to any of the above
facilities.** Please call 240.777.0311 for more
information.

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Dept. of Environmental Protection 240.777.0311
Building Material/Recycling
Bulk Collection
Business Recycling
Computer/Electronic Recycling
EcoWise
Hazardous Waste Violations
Household Hazardous Waste
Illegal Dumping
Multi-Family Recycling
Refuse Collection
Recycling Collection
Transfer Station
Satellite Drop-off Site (Poolesville)
Scrap Metal Recycling
Tire Disposal - MDE 410.537.3314
A Wider Circle (furniture donation) 301.608.3504



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ILLEGAL DUMPING



**KEEP THE COUNTY CLEAN &
REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING**

TO REPORT CALL: 240.777.0311



A Serious Problem

Illegal dumping is a serious problem in Montgomery County. Each year, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) investigates more than 450 incidents of illegal dumping and spends several hundreds of thousands of dollars per year for clean-up and enforcement.

Illegal dumping includes: throwing cigarette butts out car windows; dumping trash along the roadway, in a vacant lot, in a field, or in a wooded area; and using another person's dumpster without permission. Pouring chemicals, pesticides, used automotive fluids, and other pollutants into storm drains, waterways, and on the ground is also illegal.

Everyone Suffers Because of Illegal Dumping

Farmers suffer because fields and crops are destroyed, fences are cut, livestock is disturbed, and dumped trash must be removed.

Businesses suffer because extra trash pick-ups must be made at a cost of several hundred dollars each, in addition to disposal costs. Those additional expenses by illegal dumping are eventually passed on to the consumer.

Entire neighborhoods suffer because of illegal dumping. Not only is trash unsightly, but it harbors rats and other vermin, and can lead to a decline in property values or loss of community pride.

Trash is a magnet for trash – once dumping begins, it attracts additional trash, and more...

Our environment suffers because of toxic pollutants being released into streams, woodlands, and wetlands. Illegal dumping and discharges can also harm wildlife and children playing along streams and waterways.

Illegal dumping can cause public health and safety concerns because needles, glass, and other sharp or toxic objects can cause infection or physical injury.

What is Illegal Dumping?

By definition, illegal dumping is the depositing of solid waste at an unapproved facility. You **MAY NOT** dispose of your trash in dumpsters or containers not owned by you, nor along roadways, in fields, wooded areas, stream valleys, parklands, or any other unacceptable locations.

Reporting Illegal Dumping

If you observe an act of illegal dumping, you can help. Please record the tag number of the vehicle, a description of the vehicle and person(s) involved, the date and time of the incident, and most importantly, the exact location where the dumping occurred. Take a photo if possible. And call 240.777.0311*. Your call can help put an end to illegal dumping and environmental abuse!

Other Improper Disposal Methods

The following methods are unacceptable at anytime for the disposal of solid waste:

YOU MAY NOT:

Burn trash

Bury trash

Drop-off trash at any location other than a legal acceptance facility

*All information is kept strictly confidential upon request and is used only to assist in DEP's investigation.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Montgomery County operates a daily Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off for residents at the Transfer Station. In addition, there are several one-day satellite collection events scheduled every year. For more information call 240.777.0311.

County businesses and organizations who generate less than 220 lbs of hazardous waste in one month can qualify for the EcoWise program. For more information call 240.777.0311.

For details about our Household Hazardous Waste and EcoWise Programs visit: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hazardouswaste

Additional Disposal, Recycling, and Donating Programs

- Don't Dump-Donate accepts reusable construction materials, fixtures and fittings: 240.777.0311
- Recycling information and assistance for County businesses (SORRT): 240.777.0311
- Scrap Metal Recycling – Free curbside pickup for metal items including, appliances, fencing, furniture, etc.: 240.777.0311
- Furniture Reuse – Donate furniture in good condition to A Wider Circle: 301.608.3504
- Reuse or donate online: Post unwanted items on www.freecycle.org, www.craigslist.org, or similar websites.

PENALTIES for Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is a serious offense and may result in criminal prosecution. Each case of illegal dumping is investigated. Illegal dumpers are subject to a maximum \$1,000 civil fine per violation and possible criminal prosecution.

Illegal dumping is an expensive problem. Montgomery County provides one of the most extensive and integrated solid waste and recycling programs in the nation; please refer to the locations and hours of operation listed to take advantage of these facilities and to properly dispose or recycle unwanted materials.