

The EPA's Illegal Dumping Unit detects and investigates illegal landfills, illegal dumping of hazardous wastes, and illegal dumping of commercial quantities of waste such as construction, demolition and industrial waste.

Local government

The EPA is working with local government to combat illegal dumping. Small-scale roadside dumping and the illegal disposal of household and domestic waste remain the responsibility of local government. However, the EPA will share intelligence and provide support and training in surveillance, investigation and evidence collection techniques to help councils identify and successfully prosecute offenders.

Responsible waste disposal

Consumers expect industries and businesses to operate responsibly for the benefit of the community, the environment and future generations by legally disposing of their waste.

How you can help

Always dispose of your waste in an appropriate way and be sure that when you accept waste or fill onto your property you know what you are getting and are sure that it is legal.

If you have any information on illegal waste activities please contact the EPA hotline:

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Illegal dumping – it will cost you



Illegal dumping is a serious problem in Australia.

- **The environment is harmed** because waste pollutes waters and land.
- **Communities are affected** because it is unsightly and puts our health and safety at risk, especially when hazardous chemicals and asbestos are involved.
- **Landowners can be impacted** even if they unknowingly accept waste onto their property. Illegal dumping can cost thousands of dollars to clean up and leave the land contaminated, reducing its value. Neither the EPA nor councils are responsible for cleaning up private property where illegal dumping has occurred.

The cost of cleaning up waste is the responsibility of the landowner.



Roadside dumping is unsightly and unsafe



Your health is put at risk when asbestos is dumped illegally

- **Legitimate businesses are disadvantaged** as illegal waste receivers short the system by avoiding licence fees and the cost of constructing an appropriate landfill or depot. This undermines the viability of legitimate operators and the investments they make in proper waste management.
- **Governments around Australia** spend millions of dollars in clean-up costs which increases taxes and rates, and diverts funding away from essential community services.

Pay the price for illegal dumping

The EPA encourages everyone to make sure the operators they engage to handle their waste are legitimate, have the appropriate licence and dispose of the waste legally.

The EPA takes a zero-tolerance approach to illegal dumping. Offenders will be required to pay full clean-up costs as well as penalties imposed through the South Australian court system. Profits from illegal activities will be confiscated and offenders will have to publish apologies.

Landowners will be penalised if they knowingly allow waste to be dumped on their land without an appropriate licence. Individual landowners illegally receiving waste can be fined up to \$60,000. Corporations face fines of up to \$120,000.

Anyone who produces or transports waste and illegally disposes of that waste can be fined up to \$120,000 and faces up to two years imprisonment. Corporations can be fined up to \$250,000.

If dumping causes environmental harm a fine of up to \$500,000 can be imposed and four years imprisonment. Corporations face fines up to \$2 million.

Licensed operators who do the wrong thing may even have their licence revoked.