

TO FILE A COMPLAINT ABOUT UNLAWFUL DUMPING:

In a city or township call

Bethania	922-4744
Clemmons	766-7511
Kernersville	996-3121
Lewisville	945-5558
Rural Hall	969-6856
Tobaccoville	983-0029
Walkertown	595-4212
Winston-Salem	727-8000

In the County call

Forsyth County Environmental
Assistance and Protection
703-2440
Forsyth County Sheriff's Office
917-7001

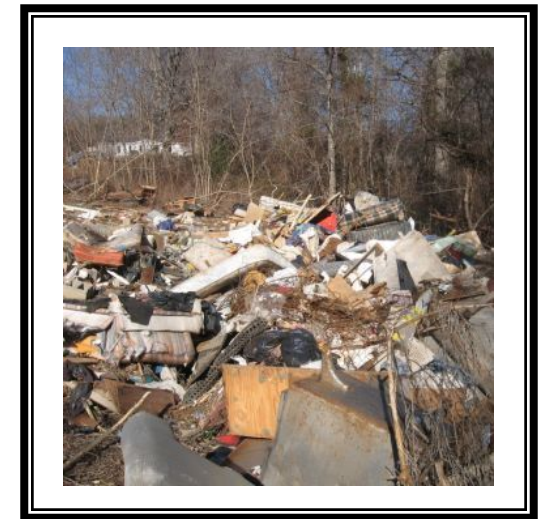


Scotty Woods, Forsyth County
Environmental Official at an illegal dump site.

Healthy Community Coalition
Forsyth County
Department of Public Health
799 N. Highland Avenue
P.O. Box 686
Winston Salem, NC 27102

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- Health Risk
- Economic Burden
- Environmental Threat
- Against the Law**



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Depositing of any waste in unauthorized areas is a crime. Depending on the circumstances, charges can range from misdemeanor to felony and result in heavy fines.



Dumping illegally is on the rise in North Carolina. Illegal dumps are not just ugly; they also threaten the health of humans and pets, damage the environment, lower property values and can discourage economic development. Tax dollars needed for other programs are used to clean up dumping sites and dispose of waste properly.

Make a difference in your community.

To volunteer with your Healthy Community Coalition,

please contact Rebecca Thompson at

(336) 703-3175 or email

thompsmw@forsyth.cc

Serious Health Risk for Humans and Environment



Air Quality Risks

Decaying dumps produce offensive odors as well as gases such as hydrogen sulfide and methane. These gases are explosive when present in high enough concentrations.



Contamination of Surface Water & Groundwater Risks

Chemicals and solvents dumped as well as chemicals produced by decaying dumps can affect water quality by washing into local streams or moving through soil layers to contaminate groundwater. This could threaten drinking water, pet health and wildlife health.



Chemical Hazards

Chemical hazards threaten water quality and also adults, children and pets who come across illegally dumped materials. Items such as batteries, asbestos (which is used in floor tiles, shingles and many other building products), and cleaning compounds, all present hazards.



Safety Hazards

Dumped materials present physical safety hazards. For example, children have become trapped and suffocated in abandoned appliances. Other safety hazards commonly found in dump sites include needles, broken glass and other sharp objects.



Mosquito Problems

Standing water accumulates in old tires, aluminum cans and other objects. This stagnant water provides perfect habitat for mosquitoes to breed. Some mosquitoes can transmit serious viruses like West Nile Virus to humans and heartworms to dogs.



Mosquitoes only need one week of stagnant water to complete their life cycle !

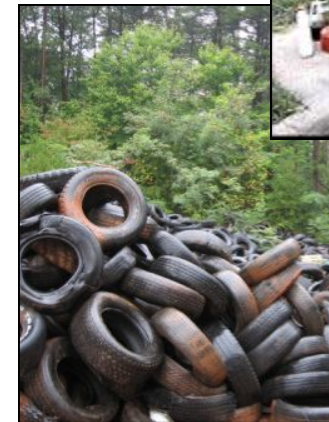
Dumping Costs Us All

Report unlawful dumping or sites to your local law enforcement or city contact (see back of brochure).

Report Information Needed

- Location (as specific as possible)
- Time of day and date of dumping
- Type of material
- License plate number
- Color, make and model of vehicle
- Name of business on vehicle

BE SAFE! Do not risk your safety by approaching an illegal dumper in action. Use the contact numbers on the back of this brochure.



CALL IF YOU SEE THIS!