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Illegal Dumping Tool Box

Develop a new or enhance an existing Illegal Dumping program in tough economic times



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1995-2000 MODERN TRUCKS



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 - **Prevention: Before it happens**
 - **Outreach: Practitioners, public and dumpers**
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 - **Effectiveness: Internal review and client input**
 - **Resources: State, Local, Federal & non-governmental**
 - **Funding: Local agencies, grants, loans**

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<http://ciwmb.ca.gov/illegaldump/default.htm>.

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Illegal dumping is the act of disposing of solid waste at a location that is not a permitted solid waste disposal facility or that is not otherwise authorized for the disposal of solid waste. The problems of illegal dumping pose significant social, environmental, and economic impacts statewide. California local government spends [tens of millions of dollars annually](#) to remove illegally dumped materials, and private property owners also incur significant costs to clean up illegal dumping.

Local government tends to view illegal dumping as a litter/nuisance abatement issue, rather than a solid waste issue. Local responses vary greatly statewide, both in terms of approach and level of activity. Local code enforcement plays a lead role in some communities, while public works departments have primary responsibility in others. Local enforcement agencies generally focus on the permitting, inspection, and enforcement of regulated facilities and on [remediation and enforcement of known illegal disposal sites](#). Recent legislation authorizes local enforcement agency programs to include public awareness activities, the prevention of the illegal dumping of solid waste, and the abatement of the illegal dumping of solid waste.

Local and State policing agencies will cite people caught illegally dumping, but those agencies are not responsible for cleanup programs. No single State or local agency is given responsibility for a comprehensive program to combat littering and illegal dumping, identified in the Penal Code as being punishable as infractions or misdemeanors. California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) is responsible for investigation, cleanup, and enforcement of illegal solid waste disposal sites. CIWMB adopted a [strategic directive](#) and established a high-level state and local [illegal dumping enforcement task force](#), to assess the extent of the illegal dumping problem and develop recommendations to CIWMB to enhance the effectiveness of local and regional responses to the problem. The task force recommendations were presented to the Board in [March 2007](#) (MS Word, 236 KB) and CIWMB staff analysis and recommendations on illegal dumping were presented to the Board in [December 2007](#). One of these recommendations was to develop a web-based illegal dumping resources toolbox for local government.

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