



# sanitation

## ILLEGAL DUMPING TIP PROGRAM

### **IT'S THE LAW**

Section 16-119 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York says:

It shall be unlawful for any person, their agent, employee, or any person under their control to suffer or permit any dirt, sand, gravel, clay, stone, rocks, rubbish, sawdust, shavings or trade or household waste, refuse, ashes, manure, garbage, rubbish or debris of any sort or any other- organic or non-organic material or other offensive matter being transported in a dump truck or other vehicle to be dumped, deposited or otherwise disposed of in or upon any street, lot, park, publically or privately owned.

Both owner and driver of the vehicle shall be liable for the dumping violation. Fines for the owner of the vehicle range from \$1,500 to \$20,000. In instances where the owner and the operator are not the same person, the maximum fine is \$40,000. In the TIP Program, two summonses could be issued depending upon who the Sanitation Police Officers apprehend.

Where information furnished by an individual under the TIP Program to the Sanitation Department has resulted in a fine or penalty for unlawful dumping, at the discretion of the Sanitation Commissioner, up to 50% of the amount collected shall be offered as a reward to said individual.

If you know of facts and circumstances which suggest illegal dumping is occurring at a location and want to report occurrence but remain anonymous, you can file an ILLEGAL DUMPING TIP form. After your TIP is received, Sanitation Police will monitor the location for several weeks in an attempt to catch the dumper. When the dumper you reported is apprehended again at the reported location, you will be eligible to receive up to 50% of any fine collected or \$500 if there is a criminal conviction and no fine is paid.

I. **EARNING YOUR REWARD**

Observe the vehicle; DO NOT MAKE YOUR PRESENCE KNOWN; DO NOT TOUCH THE MATERIAL DUMPED; REPORT THE VEHICLES, NOT THE INDIVIDUALS.

Record all the vital information, such as license plate number, vehicle description, nature and quantity of material dumped, typical time and day of the week when the dumping takes place.

File a citizen Illegal Dumping Tip form with the Sanitation Enforcement Division.

Employees of the Department of Sanitation, the Environmental Control Board and NYC Peace Officers are not eligible for a reward.

II. **REQUESTING ILLEGAL DUMPING TIP FORMS:**

You may request them by calling **311** or online via [www.nyc.gov/sanitation](http://www.nyc.gov/sanitation)

III. **COMPLETING A CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM:**

Please Note: Review the form for accuracy and completeness and **forward it to:**

Director of Enforcement  
NYC Department of Sanitation  
1824 Shore Parkway  
Brooklyn, New York 11214

IV. **STATUS OF THE COMPLAINT PROCESS:**

In a few weeks you will be notified by mail of the status of the complaint. If we were unsuccessful in catching the vehicle dumping you will be notified. If a Notice of Violation was issued, you will be notified. If the respondent appears and pleads guilty or is found guilty and pays the fine, you'll receive your reward fairly quickly. If the respondent defaults, the case goes for collection and any reward would then be paid after the fine is collected.

Please note: You cannot receive your reward until the alleged illegal dumper is found guilty or defaults and the fine is paid, which may take several months.

**NOTE:** The Department also operates an Illegal Dumping Reward Program. Under the Reward Program, Individuals file an affidavit which is used to bring a case against the reported illegal dumper. Individuals who file an affidavit are eligible for 50% of any fine collected but may have to testify at an Environmental Control Board hearing.



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1) (A) I, \_\_\_\_\_, reside at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name) (Address)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

(B) Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Telephone: Business ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

3) At approximately \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM on \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Time of day) (Circle one) (Day of the week)

I had observed a vehicle dump material such as:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

At: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Location) (Borough)

4) The vehicle bore license plate number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Plate #) (State)

\_\_\_\_\_ The vehicle was a (n): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Commercial/non-commercial) (Make/ model, color, type, size etc.)

It has the following distinguishing marks.  
 (missing parts, dents, company or business name, different colors etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (sign your name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Print your name)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_