

# You Can Help Stop Illegal Dumping!



The illegal disposal of waste along highways, at dead-end streets, in parks, along watersheds, creeks, and rivers is a dangerous and growing problem in North East Florida.

Illegally dumped trash often includes furniture, auto parts, appliances, lead acid batteries, household garbage, building materials, abandoned vehicles, used tires, waste drums, and chemicals such as paint, oil, and antifreeze.

These materials can be dangerous to our health and safety. Hazardous chemicals can pollute surface and groundwater. Rotting garbage provides a breeding ground for disease-carrying rodents, and broken glass can injure children.

Clay County spends thousands of dollars each year in cleanup costs associated with illegal dumping. Illegal dumping is serious business in Clay County and offenders can face fines up to \$10,000.00 and jail time.

## What should you do if you see somebody dumping in Clay County?

Call the Clay County Sheriff's Office Environmental Crimes Unit:

(M-F 8 - 5 at 278-3697 or 541-5823) (After hours, holidays and weekends call 264-6512) or See our link at [www.claysheriff.com](http://www.claysheriff.com).

## Watch carefully, do not approach the illegal dumper, and remember:

- What color was the vehicle?
- What kind of vehicle did the illegal dumper drive?
- What was the license plate number of the illegal dumper's vehicle?
- What did the dumper look like?
- How many people were in the vehicle?
- What age were they?
- What time did the dumping occur?
- Where did the dumping occur?



## How you can help.

- Dispose of your litter properly and encourage others to do the same.
- If you use a contractor you don't know, ask them to bring you a receipt from the local landfill.
- If you know your contractor ask them where they dispose of your waste.
  - Spread the word to friends and neighbors that illegal dumping is a crime.
  - Organize volunteer cleanups of illegal dump sites.
  - Report illegal dumping!



## For more information contact us.

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