



Report Illegal Dumping



Despite our province's natural beauty, it's not unusual to see a farmyard to have the odd rusty or discarded machinery or vehicle, old buildings or other assorted odds and ends. But it's against the law for a farm or acreage to accept third-party garbage and waste. Furthermore, these landowners can be fined under the province's environmental laws, or may be forced to do a costly cleanup. The same rules apply to those who dump garbage on the side of a road or clearing. Computer components, household trash, building supplies and bags of leaves and grass are just some of the commonly-discarded items.

Random dumping poses a growing problem says Rich Hildebrand, a Prince-Albert based conservation officer with the Ministry of Environment.

"For instance, old or broken appliances can leak chemicals that are hazardous to the environment, especially near water. Plastics, such as grocery bags and pop can rings, do not break down and can be dangerous for fish and wildlife," notes Hildebrand. "Even innocuous items, such as bags of branches and leaves, can become fire hazards."

Many municipalities advertise special days or time periods when landfill access is free. Moreover, landfill charges are among the lowest in Canada.

Recycling offers another practical alternative for residents seeking to get rid of waste. There are a number of programs operating in Saskatchewan that collect and recycle products such as old tires, used batteries and electronics, compact florescent bulbs, oil and paint, plastic shopping bags, and construction and demolition materials. If you're not sure where you can recycle, the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council's website (saskwastereduction.ca) can help you locate recycling resources in your community.

If you have further questions about illegal dumping, please contact the ministry's Client Service Office at 1-800-567-4224. If you suspect someone is dumping unlawfully please call the TIP line at 1-800-667-7561 or #5555 from your SaskTel cellular.

Contact and References

Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment
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