

## What Can You Do To Help?

Community programs established to organize special waste cleanup events and support community-oriented policing have proven effective in addressing illegal dumping problems.

Organized events to collect and properly dispose of illegally dumped materials, such as tire collections, "Clean Sweeps," and cleanup days, often involve resources provided by government or industry and the efforts of local residents.

Local industry and community groups can assist in the cleanup effort by landscaping and improving the physical appearance of areas. Such beautification efforts can ward off potential dumpers. Residents benefit from the availability of attractive space and improved values.

### Report Illegal Dumpsites to:

Ronda Powell  
Solid Waste Coordinator  
Jackson County Solid Waste  
Department  
228-872-8340

Visit Jackson County's Website  
[www.co.jackson.ms.us](http://www.co.jackson.ms.us)

## Recycling Drop-Off Sites

**Gulf Park Estates Fire Station**

**St. Andrews Fire Station**

**Jackson County Barns**

6900 Highway 609, Ocean Springs

Ballpark Road, Vancleave

10825 Highway 63, Moss Point

**Food Tiger Parking Lot** (Hwy 614)

### Recyclable Items:

- Cardboard
- Newspapers
- Aluminum
- Plastic Soda Bottles
- Magazines
- Plastic Milk Jugs



## Seaman Road Landfill



### Items Accepted

- White Goods
- Recyclables
- Scrap metal
- Rubbish
- Tires - limited
- Batteries

### Cost

Free to Residents  
(non-commercial)

### Hours

Monday-Friday  
7 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

### For Information

228-872-8340

The landfill is located 3 miles north from Washington Ave. on Seaman Road (between

## Illegal Dumping Prevention In Jackson County

### Illegal Dumping Prevention Guidebook



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## What Is Illegal Dumping?

Illegal dumping is disposal of waste in an unpermitted area. Illegally dumped wastes are primarily non-hazardous materials that are dumped to avoid either disposal fees or the time and effort required for proper disposal. These materials typically include:

- Construction and demolition wastes such as drywall, roofing shingles, lumber, bricks, concrete, and siding
- Abandoned automobiles, auto parts, and scrap tires
- Appliances or “white goods”
- Furniture
- Yard waste
- Household trash
- Medical waste



Site uses for illegal dumping vary but may include abandoned industrial, residential, or commercial buildings; vacant lots on public or private property; and infrequently used alleys or roadways. Because of their accessibility and poor lighting, areas along rural roads and railways are particularly vulnerable.



If not addressed, illegal dumps often attract more waste, potentially including hazardous wastes such as asbestos, household chemicals and paints, automotive fluids, and commercial or industrial wastes.

## Why is illegal dumping a problem?

The health risks associated with illegal dumping are significant. Areas used for illegal dumping



may be easily accessible to people, especially children, who are vulnerable to the physical (protruding nails or sharp edges) and chemical

(harmful fluids or dust) hazards posed by wastes. Rodents, insects, and other vermin attracted to dump sites may also pose health risks.

Countless neighborhoods have been evacuated and property damage has been significant because of dumpsites that caught **fire**, either by **spontaneous combustion** or, more commonly, by **arson**. In rural areas, open burning at dump sites can cause forest fires and severe erosion as fires burn away trees and undergrowth. Dumping activities in such areas can also have a negative impact on plants and wildlife. Additionally, runoff from dump sites containing chemicals may contaminate wells and surface water used as sources of drinking water.

Dump sites serve as magnets for additional dumping and other criminal activities. As a result of such illegal dumping, property values decrease and the community becomes unattractive to commercial and residential developers. Without the tax revenues that accompany development, the funding available to establish and maintain effective illegal dumping prevention programs is limited.



Dedicated enforcement and prosecution personnel are valuable contributors to an illegal dumping prevention program.

The Commission on Environmental Quality approved an award to which allocates funds for a solid waste enforcement officer and the cleanup of existing unauthorized dumps on public and private property.



## Penalties For Illegal Dumping?

While enforcing site cleanup the enforcement officer will take notice of the names of any persons appearing on the waste materials. Individuals who refuse to adhere to the waste management regulations of Jackson County will be penalized as follows:

**First Offense = \$50 - \$250.00 Fine**  
**Second Offense = \$100 - \$500 Fine**